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Hello

We hop everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year holiday and spent quality time with their friends and family.

Council has started the new year running, with many exciting projects continuing and starting throughout the Paroo Shire. The upgrade of Cunnamulla's sewerage system has reached an important milestone with the tender for the construction of the new sewage treatment plant being awarded with work commencing in March, and contractors onsite in May. This is a huge project for Council, with \$9.1 million in funding received in early 2019. It's also exciting to see that the sewer relining component of the project was completed in December last year.

Autumn is the season where the Paroo events calendar really kicks into gear with a range of events from horse racing and music festivals to gymkhanas and our annual show. Prepare to be busy over the next few months as there is something on to suit everyone!

March also sees the local government elections taking place on the 28th and with two of our standing Councillors, Mayor Lindsay Godfrey and Councillor Don Dunsdon, choosing not to run again we will see a new team of Councillors be sworn in during April.

Paroo Shire Council sends its best wishes to Mayor Godfrey and Councillor Dunsdon with their future endeavours and wish anyone who has chosen to nominate as a candidate good luck with their campaign.



Exciting changes on track

at
Cunnamulla
Railway

Progress at the Cunnamulla Railway Station is certainly chugging along, thanks to an incredible amount of work put in by the Paroo Progress Association (PPA).

If your curiosity has been growing, here is the latest update thanks to a key member of the group, Karen Ticehurst.

What is the current status of the Cunnamulla Railway project?

The floor has been put down with the help of a local carpenter and workers including RESQ, and the builder is currently on site. The frame and cladding were completed by mid-February, with the internal fit out including all the audio visual technology completed six weeks after that, dependent on many variables.

Tell us the most exciting thing about the project?

Less than two years ago, the building was derelict and in need of a desperate face-lift, the local community had approached Council to take action, but fearing the huge cost associated with owning another asset the Paroo Shire Council were not keen, and rightly so, as assets are a huge drain on the ratepayer. The PPA were approached by members of the community and although keen, were not sure how they could utilise the space and bring income in to allow for future improvements and upkeep. An idea was born, to build a theatre that would show a nightly feature, the tale of local entrepreneurs and hard workers that developed the railway line, bringing the Westlander to the bush. Now as we get closer to the opening date, we hope this project will attract people from far and wide to stay longer in our town, spend more money - creating more jobs.

How can the community support the PPA?

We will always need volunteers, all of the gardens and cleaning have been done using volunteers, most of the administration and all of the project management for the build have been completed by volunteers. We estimate that we have saved the project close to \$150,000 just by volunteering. We will need all the volunteers we can muster in the future, although there will be paid positions as well. We will need locals (who will become the

conductors) to welcome all the passengers every night during the season and sell our famous Fettle's pies and merchandise. In the off-season, we are already discussing other streams of revenue, particularly the use of the theatre to show latest release movies, and for audio visual commercial hire for groups and companies.

We very much need to still raise funds for future developments and to complete much of the necessary work to make the station a focal point for both locals and visitors.

What benefits to Cunnamulla and the wider region do you see coming from this project?

This is a great opportunity for a community owned project to make a huge difference to attracting more tourists to our town. If every person who stays overnight to see the *Cunnamulla All Aboard* sound and light show spends another \$150 in town, then approximately about an extra \$1,000,000 a year will be spent locally, creating more jobs and services. Secondly, it is a fantastic way to commemorate the stories of the people whom the rail was a lifeblood, bringing with it supplies for all the region and taking our main commodity (wool) to the markets. It opened up opportunities for more social interactions with other towns through sporting and social activities. These stories have been recorded and are now about to be seen by a much larger audience.

What funding/grants have you received?

We have been more than fortunate in receiving two large grants and quite a few small ones. A Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development grant of \$350,000 has gone towards

the interpretative side of the build, including the audio visual resources, and the movie *Cunnamulla All Aboard*. From the Building Better Regions Fund we have received \$310,000, which goes toward the bricks and mortar, or in this case, steel and cladding. Although it sounds like a lot of money, the budget is extremely tight,

"If every person who stays overnight to see the *Cunnamulla All Aboard* sound and light show spends another \$150 in town, then approximately about a \$1,000,000 a year extra will be spent locally..." and with any commercial build, there are a lot more details and a lot more costs associated. We have also received

smaller rounds of funding for specific purposes, which all need to be acquitted, Community Gambling Fund, Regional Arts Development Fund, and Veterans and Community Grants.

Any committee members you want to give a shout out?

We have a great committee, and they have all helped at varying times. The Railway Committee consists of Merry Higgins, Judy Roberts, Kathy Ashley and myself. All have placed a huge amount of stress on their already stretched lives to make this happen, with their only reward being that Cunnamulla and surrounds have another viable ticketed event that will attract more visitors to our community.

Will the facility be available for the community to book and use?

We are currently looking at ways to utilise the space for other events, we hope in the future to renovate the kitchen to allow for catering and specific events. Conferences could even be held using our audio visual equipment. All these ideas will assist us with the ongoing costs and help us raise further funds for other activities we have planned in the future.

REX EXTEND DISCOUNTED FARES SCHEME

Regional Express (Rex) have announced that their popular 'Community Fare Scheme' has been extended until 31 December 2020.

The Rex Community Fare Scheme is available to 23 Queensland communities, including Cunnamulla, across the Rex operated Western 1 and 2 routes from Brisbane, the Northern 1 and 2 routes from Townsville and the Gulf route from Cairns.

Discounted fares are also offered between the regional communities resulting in more than 70 different fare combinations throughout the state.

Community Fares are available to book if your date of departure is more than 60 days away. All remaining unsold seats will then be made available at the Community Fares price from exactly 24hrs prior to departure.

So how can you book? Visit www.rex.com.au and search for the fare you require. If the Community Fare is available at your time of booking it will automatically come up in your bookable flight options. Just select that option and book as per usual.

Cunnamulla State School students connect with their community

A program that started in 2019, has been expanded upon in 2020 due to the great successes it had with its initial launch.

The School Mentoring Program at the Cunnamulla State School sees Years 7 – 12 participate in a 'community afternoon' which varies from grade to grade. For Term 1 the Year 9s have been visiting the Cunnamulla Library which has proved very popular.

Megan Clarke, a teacher at Cunnamulla State School, said that when the initiative was started the now-Year 9s were jealous of the Year 7s that got to visit the library once a week.

"The kids love going to the library to use the robots and experiment with different technologies," Megan said.

"It's also a chance to teach and

encourage them to use the library to help with their studies."

Librarian Tammy Hickey has also been enjoying the visits, and has been impressed with the kids' behaviour.

"They have all be participating and behaving very well, and have really been enjoying it," Tammy said.

For the other grades, the afternoon includes visits from a rotating team of community members and programs including Deadly Choices, Council's Youth Support Officer, and Beyond Broncos.

Meanwhile the Year 11s and 12s meet with Cheesy Anderson with Cheesy bringing in relevant guest speakers as well as a safe space to chat.

"This mentoring program is providing a great opportunity for our students to develop

community partnerships," Megan said.

"The school is especially excited about the Bangarra Dance Theatre company visiting in March. That will be a popular one for sure!"



Do you know about POLICELINK?

Policelink is the number to report non-urgent incidents.

Policelink enhances service delivery by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) through providing an additional way to contact police for non-urgent assistance.

Policelink provides community members with more reporting choices by being able to contact Policelink 24/7 instead of visiting or calling the Police Station, especially when the station is closed.

Policelink is a national number, but is called Policelink in Queensland only, in other states it is referred to as a 'non-emergency number'.

If the crime is not happening right now or the incident is not life threatening or places you in immediate danger – call Policelink on 131 444.



When to call Triple Zero (000).

- If a crime is happening now
- When a life is threatened
- When the event is time critical



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www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink



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2020 Australia Day Award Winners

For such a small community, Paroo Shire certainly has a lot of selfless people who contribute tirelessly to their community.

On 26 January at the Cunnamulla Pool, the Paroo Shire community paid tribute to the enormous contributions and achievements of local residents at the 2020 Australia Day Awards.

All nominees should be proud of their achievements and know that the Paroo Shire community are truly thankful for all their efforts and contributions.

Another thank you goes out to Justine Christerson for travelling out to Paroo to be the Australia Day

Ambassador. Amongst other recognitions, Justine was one of Queensland's 2016 Australian of the Year finalists and was also nominated in 2015 for a Pride of Australia medal and Australian of the Year. In 2013 Justine started a program, Breaking Down the Barriers, to support rural patients in city hospitals through practical help like transport to appointments, home cooked meals and hampers, clothing vouchers, advice, information and a shoulder to lean on.

Congratulations again to our 2020 Australia Day Award winners, your efforts and commitment have not gone unnoticed and we appreciate all that you do.



Judy Roberts
Citizen of the Year

Judy has contributed enormously to this community's image over the years and stands out with her community spirit and encouragement to others. She has been one of the greatest drivers in developing and designing the town's gardens and landscapes over the years since she moved back into the district. There is continuous comment on how terrific our town looks.

Judy's never ending list of ideas and projects over the years have both motivated and driven our community. She has tirelessly given her time and effort, as well as financial support and donations of plants and flowers to whomever and whatever function there is going.

The Cunnamulla community has benefited immensely from Judy's infectious positive attitude and drive, and she is an inspiration to all of us.

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Holly Anderson *Young Citizen of the Year*

Holly is well on her way to becoming a solid contributor to her community as a role model for her peers now and in the future through her kind, gentle, and compassionate nature. Holly has competed in lawn bowls for the past two years and is one of the most important members in the Cunnamulla team. She guides and talks to the young members giving them the confidence to succeed. Holly has represented Cunnamulla at a district level in the Mixed Pairs with the possibility to progress through to state representation.

In the past two years Holly has played at the Junior State Championships in Bundaberg and Caloundra. Not only do Holly's achievements cover the sport of lawns bowls, but also in the field of swimming. Holly has represented Cunnamulla at a regional level for the past two years and has received Age Champion at both swimming club and school sports levels. At only 13 years of age Holly has both the achievements and attitude of a future leader of our community.



Cunnamulla Rams Junior Rugby League U10s Zone 5 Carnival *Event of the Year*

During the first week of the 2019 June/July school holidays, Cunnamulla hosted the week-long Under 10s Zone 5 Rugby League Carnival. This carnival not only contributed to encouraging and increasing the physical activity within our community's youth, but also boosted our economy and strengthened our community by bringing business owners, organisations, service providers and community members together to support the event.

All of which would not be possible without the hosting club, the Cunnamulla Rams Junior Rugby League. The amount of planning and work behind the scenes to ensure the event was successful was enormous. This team of volunteers were able to guarantee not only our youth, but also the youth of the other participating teams, a week full of memories and enjoyment, which is what all sport should be about. As always this club does all the hard work so our youth can enjoy life with their friends on and off the field.



Ruby Gamble *Sports Award*

Ruby has been a passionate and active member of Cunnamulla for several years who participates in sports including golf and bowls and has also been involved in the Cunnamulla Swimming Club and Cunnamulla RSL. Ruby has a friendly and inclusive nature and welcomes individuals into these sporting clubs and community with a quick smile and joke.

Some of Ruby's sporting achievements include Ladies Golf Champion of the Cunnamulla Golf Club for the last 16 years in a row, winner of the Veteran's Golf Championship, winner of the 2019 Downs & South West Championship, and Ladies Lawn Bowls Champion for the past seven years. Ruby has also won the bowls Ladies Pairs, Triples and Rinks Championships, being the only lady to win all games in Champion of Champions in the south west region.

Ruby is also a keen fisher. When Ruby is successful with her catch she's been known for her generosity of a yellow belly shared among her friends.

Honour our ANZACs

Paroo residents are encouraged to attend a local ANZAC Day service on 25 April to remember and honour our ANZACs.



Cunnamulla

DAWN SERVICE

The march will begin at 5.45am from the old RSL building, continue along John St, and finish at the cenotaph where the commemoration service will start at 6am. The RSL and Auxiliary will host a breakfast at the bowls club after the service.

MORNING SERVICE

The march will start at 10.30am from the corner of Stockyard and Louise streets (near the Council office) and follow the route through Stockyard St onto Jane St to finish at the cenotaph for the service at 10.45am. Light refreshments will be available at the bowls club, again hosted by the RSL and Auxiliary.

Eulo

MORNING SERVICE

Participants in the march will meet at the school at 10.30am, with the morning service to start at 10.45am at the memorial. A BBQ will follow at the Eulo Queen Hotel.

Wyandra

MORNING SERVICE

The Wyandra morning service will begin at 10.45am at the memorial. Light refreshments will be available at the hall after the service.

Yowah

DAWN SERVICE

The dawn service starts at 6am at the Yowah Memorial. Two-up and other traditional activities will be held at the community centre.

ANZAC Biscuit Recipe

ANZAC biscuits have long been a national icon and a family favourite. They were first called 'Soldiers' Biscuits' but after the landing at Gallipoli, they were renamed after our brave ANZACs.

So why not bake a batch this ANZAC Day, the recipe below is from Carmel Meurant's cookbook *Hey Mum.. Recipes from a Country Kitchen* which is available to purchase from the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Information Centre.

INGREDIENTS

1 cup rolled oats
1 cup plain flour
1 cup sugar
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup coconut
125g butter
2 tbsp golden syrup
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp bicarb soda
1 tbsp boiling water

METHOD

1. Combine dry ingredients in a large bowl.
2. Place butter and golden syrup in a saucepan over low heat until melted.
3. Mix bicarb soda and boiling water, add to butter and golden syrup and then mix into dry ingredients.
4. Place teaspoons of mixture onto greased oven trays and cook in a moderate oven for 20 minutes.

Safe barriers save lives

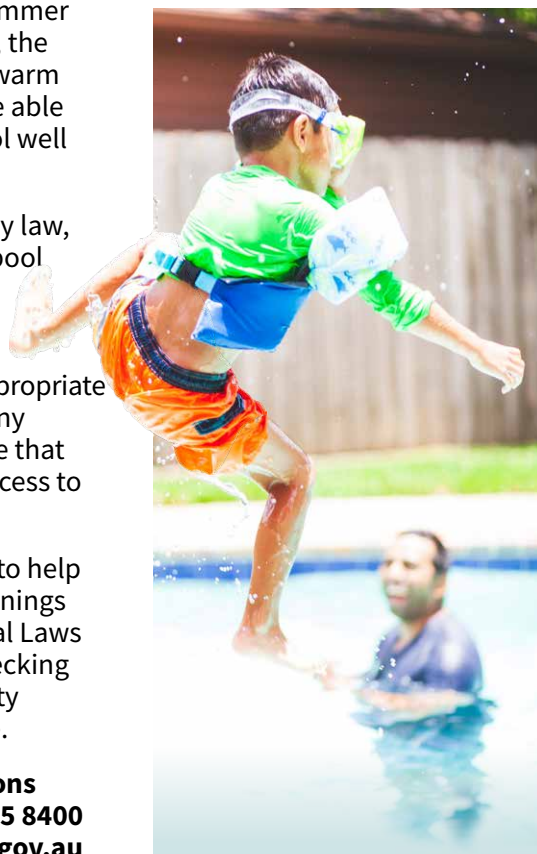
Did you know your portable pool or spa must comply with pool safety laws if it can hold more than 300mm of water and has a volume of more than 2,000L?

Although the heat of Summer is (hopefully) behind us, the weather in Paroo stays warm long enough for us to be able to enjoy a dip in the pool well into Autumn.

But did you know that by law, you must register your pool or spa? All pools and spas must also comply with relevant pool safety laws including appropriate fencing and removing any objects such as furniture that would allow children access to the pool.

These laws are in place to help prevent avoidable drownings so you may see our Local Laws Officer around town checking to make sure these safety precautions are in place.

If you have any questions contact Council on 4655 8400 or council@paroo.qld.gov.au



HOME AND BACKYARD

Dog audit to improve safety and efficiencies

In an effort to improve safety a dog audit will be undertaken across the towns. This will also help to improve Council's processes and save money when handling and processing dog registrations.

When dogs are registered, it is easier to monitor and control roaming and vicious dogs, making our community a safer place to be.

As such, external officers will be undertaking a sweep of the towns to gain a better understanding of the number of dogs in the shire.

#PAROOPRIDE CAR BODY CLEAN UP A SUCCESS

Old and unregistered vehicles take up space in the yard, are an eyesore, a fire hazard, and provide a perfect habitat for snakes.

At the end of 2019, Local Laws Officer Joe Lewis started the #ParooPride Car Body Clean Up program which to date has seen over 30 cars and caravans removed from yards around Cunnamulla.

Joe said that he was very happy with the results of the program,

especially about how many people came on board.

“I’d say the program was very successful and on the whole people have been very cooperative,” Joe said.

“There are still some more to go, but already it’s a great start to 2020 driving around town and seeing old car bodies in homes and yards replaced with green grass thanks to the clean up and recent rain.”

The program was organised as a free service to save residents the hassle and cost of removing the items themselves. Typically, if a resident were to ignore an issued notice it would cost approximately \$650 per vehicle.

Paroo Shire Council would like to thank everyone who got involved for showing their #ParooPride by cleaning up their yard for a fresh start in 2020.

SNAKES ARE ON THE MOVE

BE AWARE AND STAY SAFE

There have been a number of incidents and reports of snake activity in Paroo recently, and although snakes are a part of life in the outback it’s always good to be aware and stay safe.

Remember to try your best to stay calm if you come into close proximity of a snake as it is sudden movement that activates them to strike as they have very poor vision.

If you have no experience with snakes do not attempt to catch, trap or kill them, as this is when the greatest number of people have been bitten.

As ironic as it may seem, snakes are a protected species and fines up to \$10,000 can be the result of injuring or killing a snake.

To have a snake removed safely please contact one of Council’s accredited snake catchers.

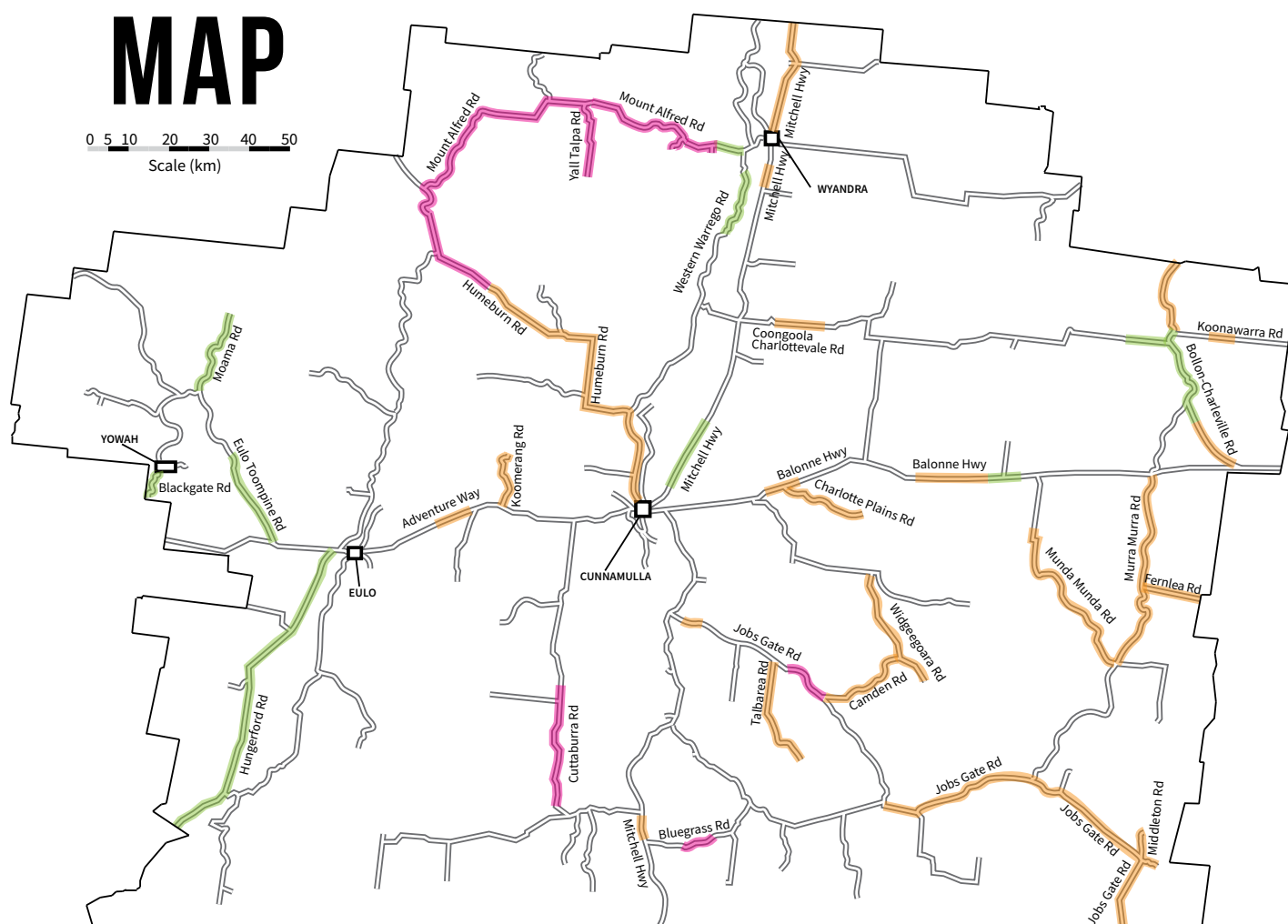
Joe Lewis - 0417 574 871

Tom King - 0499 558 462

Joseph Desmet - 043 6041 911

WORKS MAP

0 5 10 20 30 40 50
Scale (km)



Although effort has been taken to make this map as accurate as possible, please note that it is not exactly to scale.



Works to be completed in
next 6 months



Works completed in past 6 months



TBC Flood Restoration Works
(if funding received)

UPDATE ON FLOOD RESTORATION WORKS

Council's application for \$3.3 million worth of flood restoration works has got off to a good start with \$850,000 approved to date.

Some works have already been completed, and at this stage it is envisaged the majority of sites will be addressed before the end of June 2020 pending an early

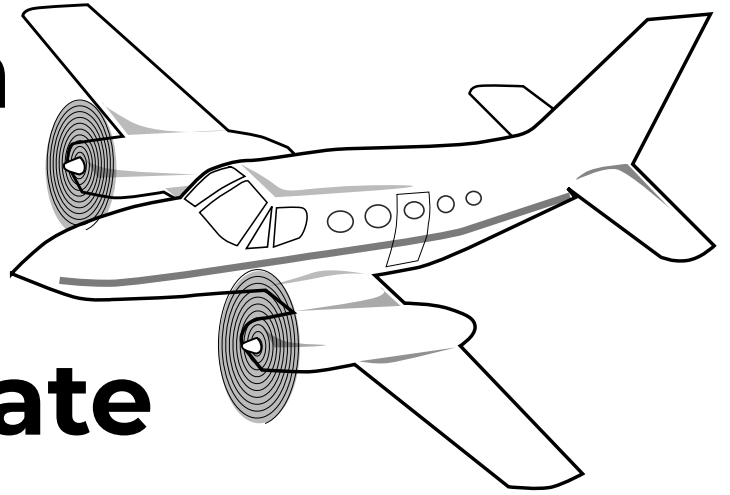
approval by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to commence works.

Due to the high value and tight deadline for the works, Council has engaged consulting firm Proterra Group to project manage and supervise the works. Proterra Group have extensive experience in this area delivering over

\$150 million in flood projects since 2010.

It is expected that the majority of works will be delivered by Council's internal workforce, supplemented by local contractors and suppliers as required.

Cunnamulla Aerodrome upgrade project update



As reported in the 2019/20 Summer edition of the Paroo Review, the lighting at the Cunnamulla Aerodrome is being upgraded to improve the safety and ease of use for night-time landings.

Whilst the lighting is now halfway finished, substantial repair and restoration of the pavement airstrip has also been completed. The project involved the re-sealing the runway pavement of

the main strip, side strip, taxiway and apron, and re-painting of the aviation markings on the runway and apron areas.

This \$878,786 project was funded under the Remote Airstrips Upgrade Program (\$439,393), and was matched by Council.

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Autumn events

March

8

Clean Up Australia Day

8am - 11am

Meet at Centenary Park
Jane St, Cunnamulla

The community is invited to participate in Clean Up Australia Day 2020 to help keep our town beautiful. Transport will be available to take people to and from the clean-up sites.

Bring plenty of water and a wide-brimmed hat. A BBQ will be held in the park at the end of the event.

For more information call
Toni-Lou Pender on 4655 8421.

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Sacred Heart Parish Fete

From 6.30pm

Sacred Heart Parish
46 John St, Cunnamulla

Support one of the local schools and come along to the annual fete.

There will be plants, pick-a-box, chocolate wheel, raffles, bar, BBQ, slushies, ice creams, cakes, lollies, donuts, and a concert by the school kids.

Dress-up theme is 'Disney Characters' or 'Friday the 13th' - there will be a prize for best dressed boy and girl.

For more information call the school on 4655 1486.

April

4

Noorama Picnic Races

Gates open from 12pm
(first race at 1.30pm)

Noorama Racecourse,
Jobs Gate Rd, Noorama

The Noorama Picnic Races have been running for more than 50 years and are an outback racing event not to be missed. If you want to party late into the night, you are welcome to camp on-site and there's even a free breakfast the next day! No fuel or EFTPOS on grounds.

For more information visit
www.facebook.com/NooramaPRC

10-12

Eulo Gymkhana and Enduro

Eulo Sports Ground, Eulo

Rev your motorbike over the Easter weekend at the Eulo Gymkhana and Enduro.

There are divisions for multiple age groups as well as music and entertainment into the night.

For more information call
Patrick Beresford on 4655 7025 or
Kerrie-Ann Tuite on 0402 863 865.

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Anzac Day Races

Gates open from 12pm

Cunnamulla Racecourse
Mitchell Hwy, Cunnamulla

Come along to the first Cunnamulla race meet for 2020. There is a five race program as well as Fashions on the Field, children's activities and face painting, and a bar and canteen.

Entry is \$15 and includes a race book.

For more information call
Liz Land on 0428 551 587 or visit their
Facebook page - Cunnamulla and
District Diggers Race Club.





May 2

Wyandra Horse & Bike Gymkhana From 8am

Wyandra Racecourse, Wyandra

The annual gymkhana at Wyandra is on again with horse and motorbike events. Horse events will be in the morning with motorbike events following in the afternoon.

A canteen and bar will be available all day.

For more information call Sharon Brown on 0428 519 810.

14-17

Music in the Mulga Wandilla Station 1508 Pitherty Rd, Eulo

This event features four full days of country and country rock, the Wandilla Cup Yabby Races, workshops, fashions on the field, a bush dance and much more. The main concert is on the Saturday from 11.30am.

There is plenty of room for camping, water available, fires allowed in containers and pets are allowed on leashes. Bar and food available.

For more information visit www.musicinthemulga.com.au, phone 4655 4065 or email dcmeurant@bigpond.com

19-21

Dogpro Cunnamulla Sheepdog Trial 2020

From 7am

Cunnamulla Showgrounds,
Cunnamulla

A highly-competitive and challenging sport and an example of extraordinary team work between human and dog. Staging of trial will depend on availability of sheep.

For more information contact James Clarke at jamesclark4490@gmail.com or phone 0499 299 700.

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Cunnamulla & District Show Gates open 9am

Cunnamulla Showgrounds,
Cunnamulla

This year's theme is 'New Decade, New Ewe' and will host the Queensland State Sheep Show.

Enjoy a day out with the family with exhibitions from floral art and photography, to cakes and craft. And don't forget the Young Farmer's Challenge with cash prizes up for grabs.

For more information visit www.cunnamullashow.com.au or email secretary.cunnamullashow@outlook.com

June 5-7

Queensland Men's Sand Greens Championships Cunnamulla Golf Club Humburn Rd, Cunnamulla

The Championship is open to male amateur golfers with a current Golf Australia Handicap, and who are members of a golf club affiliated through their District Golf Association with Golf Queensland, or other State/National Associations.

The tournament is conducted by Golf Australia and the major sponsor is the City Golf Club Motel.

For more information visit www.golf.org.au

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Queensland Day Bowls Competition + Brisbane Comedy Festival From 10am

Cunnamulla Bowls Club
40 John St, Cunnamulla

Starting off with markets at 10am the day will be followed by a casual bowls competition at lunchtime - everyone of all abilities are welcome!

Finish off with the Brisbane Comedy Festival (ages 18+) from 7.30pm. This is a one-stop show for a side-splitting selection of laughs.

A bar will be available throughout the day as well as a BBQ lunch and dinner.

For more information call Toni-Lou Pender on 4655 8421.

ORGANISING AN EVENT AND TRYING TO SET A DATE?

WE NEED YOUR INPUT TO CREATE AN ONLINE EVENTS CALENDAR

Council is creating an online events calendar but need your help to know what's happening in the Paroo Shire and surrounds. A calendar is only as good as what's in it!

To be included in the calendar, please email event details to events@paroo.qld.gov.au

We need to know:

- Event name
- Date and time
- Location
- Brief description
- Contact person for event

For more information contact events@paroo.qld.gov.au or phone 4655 8400.

Noorama Picnic Race Club Inc Presents

Noorama Picnic Races

Saturday 4th April 2020

The graphic features three overlapping event cards for the Noorama Picnic Races on Saturday 4th April 2020. The background shows a horse race in progress on a dirt track under a blue sky with clouds.

- Left Card:**
 - NOORAMA PICNIC RACES - SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2020
 - \$54,000 PRIZE MONEY**
 - GATES OPEN AT 12:00PM
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 - ADMISSION \$20 (INCLUDES RACEBOOK)
 - Barcode
- Middle Card:**
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 - LIVE BAND**
 - ~TWO BLACK CADILLACS~
 - PLAYING TIL LATE!
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- Right Card:**
 - NOORAMA PICNIC RACES - SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2020
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Library earmarked for global study



The Cunnamulla Library's robotics program has caught the eye of German Social Scientist Simon Schmiederer.

Simon is currently completing a Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences in Berlin and is writing his thesis on the deployment of humanoid robots in libraries.

Tammy Hickey, Library Services Team Leader, said she was surprised when she first received Simon's email.

"It's not everyday you receive an email from the other side of the world. I didn't even know how he found out about us, turns out it was through a Google search!" Tammy said.

"Simon mentioned that Cunnamulla was of special interest to him because we have a humanoid robot ('Literator') in our library despite being in such a small town.

"...We use our robots as a fun way to educate children including those with learning difficulties, autism and those who have problems verbally communicating with others - but will talk to Literator."

"I'm honoured that Simon has asked us to participate in his research. We use our robots as a fun way to educate children including those with learning difficulties, autism and those who have problems verbally communicating with others - but will talk to Literator."

Simon's research will aim to address the questions of why libraries decide to integrate a humanoid robot in their institution, which goals are pursued with the deployment, which events are offered, what works well, what doesn't and what libraries intend to do with humanoid robots in the future. To see the Cunnamulla Library's robots in action, everyone is welcome to come in and check them out as well as the other library facilities.



Simon Schmiederer, Social Scientist

Cunnamulla Library secures First 5 Forever Funding

The Cunnamulla Library has recently secured a First 5 Forever grant of \$6,328 to buy a variety of play-based resources to encourage library visits by parents and children.

This round of the First 5 Forever program was awarded to councils for innovative and flexible

projects in local libraries which support and develop a love of language and literacy skills in babies and young children.

Congratulations to the library team, and just wait until you see what Tammy has in store – it's going to be a very exciting addition to our already amazing library!



Hi, I'm Michelle – the new Casual Librarian. I moved to the Paroo Shire in early December 2018 with my husband and two kids. Although it's my first time working in a library I love to meet new people and working with all the new technology and computers the library has to offer.

My favourite author is Rachel Treasure who lives in country Tasmania and writes fantastic novels that showcase contemporary rural women. My favourite book of hers has to be *The Rouseabout*.

Anzac Day writing competition on again

Two local students will once again have the opportunity to travel to Brisbane in April to see the Anzac Day parade and participate in other activities.

Children have to:

- write an essay on what Anzac Day means to them;
- recite *In Flanders Fields* and answer questions about the world wars to a panel of judges;
- research a fallen Paroo Shire soldier that they select from the honour board;
- and complete the tasks in their own time, encouraging them to visit the library.

The competition starts on 9 March with applications closing on 10 April.

The winners will be announced by 13 April.

The two winners from last year will also be coming on the trip as last year's prize unfortunately had to be cancelled due to staff illness.

The competition would not be possible without our tireless library staff, Qantas (who donate flights), Novotel (who donate accommodation) and the HMAS Moreton who help arrange activities and access to the VIP area of the parade.

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“What on earth is geocaching?” we hear you ask. Well, geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices, such as your phone.

Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. There are millions of geocaches hidden around the world – with some soon to be found near you!

Paroo Shire Council’s Tourism Team is in the process of hiding caches across the shire for you to discover. But they can only be found if you have the correct coordinates.

Tourism has also created a ‘Geocaching Passport’, if you find all the caches listed in the passport whilst collecting the



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Our cylinder containers are approximately 10cm high and contain a logbook, pencil and a secret clue! They are still in the process of being logged but will be available very soon. Keep an eye on the app and the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Centre’s Facebook page to see when they become live and trackable.



Happy hunting!

Cunnamulla Fella Festival brings in \$80,000 in external funding

Work is well underway for the 2020 Cunnamulla Fella Festival, and it’s off to a great start!

Thanks to two successful grant applications, the festival has brought in \$80,000 in external funding. The first grant from the Queensland Destination Events Program is for \$10,000 which is to go towards marketing expenses.

The second grant is for a huge \$70,000 from the Year of Outback Tourism Events Program. This will buy a transportable stage which will save the festival on ongoing hire costs.

Keep your eye www.cunnamullafellafestival.com.au or on the Cunnamulla Fella Festival Facebook page or for more information on the 2020 festival line-up.



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LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR TAKES ON CANBERRA

SAMMY MEURANT REPRESENTED PAROO IN FEBRUARY AS PART OF THE ABC HEYWIRE'S TRAILBLAZERS PROGRAM, WHICH SHOWCASES THE STORIES OF REGIONAL AUSTRALIA'S BRIGHTEST NEW LEADERS.

Trailblazers is an opportunity for people aged 18 - 28, who are implementing positive change in their region, to have their work celebrated nationally.

Sammy was chosen for her work on The Rural Compass Podcast and Big Ideas Rural which helps innovative women in isolated parts of Australia kickstart small businesses and foster connections. In addition to these projects, Sammy is also an artist, art teacher, President of the Cunnamulla & District Chamber of Commerce, is studying teaching, and is a mother - definitely fitting the entrepreneur category!

Sammy went to Canberra on the all-expenses-paid trip in February with her business partner Tori Kopke (who she met in person for the first time in Canberra!) for a week of networking, mentoring, media plus the opportunity to present to MPs,

Senators, community leaders and investors in Parliament House.

Sammy described the week as an incredible experience and extremely valuable for her businesses.

"We learnt a lot of skills that will definitely be useful including story telling and how to speak with media," Sammy said.

"The media training was amplified as well by having so many ABC staff members around to talk to.

"We got to use our new skills straight away when Tori and I were interviewed on Triple J Hack and Radio National Life Matters about The Rural Compass."

When asked what the highlight of her week was Sammy said that she has a couple!

"Speaking in the Great Hall at Parliament House and then at the National Museum for the Gala Dinner was pretty amazing," Sammy said.

"Although sitting next to ABC Chair Ita Buttrose at the dinner was a highlight too!

"She was so approachable and friendly, everyone at ABC only had nice things to say about her."

Sammy encourages any young person from a rural area to apply for the Trailblazers program as a way to take what they're doing to the next level and be able to gain knowledge and networks they might not usually have access to.

The next round of Heywire's Trailblazers opens in June 2020, for more information visit www.abc.net.au/heywire/trailblazers

MAYOR GODFREY SAYS GOODBYE

WITH EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PAROO SHIRE AS ITS MAYOR, LINDSAY GODFREY IS STEPPING BACK FROM PUBLIC SERVICE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT LINDSAY ACHIEVED A GREAT DEAL DURING HIS TIME AS MAYOR AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS, EFFORTS AND GUIDANCE OVER HIS TWO TERMS AS MAYOR.



WHAT IS THE THING YOU ARE MOST PROUD OF ACHIEVING OVER YOUR EIGHT YEARS AS MAYOR?

I was first spurred into running for Mayor to sort out the NDRRA 2012 Flood Event works. When we managed to finish the whole \$40 million program on time and on budget, that was a big achievement.

Other team achievements also come to mind – establishing the kindergarten in Cunnamulla through funding from Campbell Newman, the upgrading of the Cunnamulla Sewage System, new Civic Centre building and the River Walk and Spa project. The upgrading of halls and other facilities in satellite towns has also been a core goal of mine.

I also spent a lot of time lobbying state and federal governments for funding for roadworks and for extra money in south west Queensland area for dog fencing.

WHAT OTHER COMMUNITY ROLES HAVE YOU PLAYED?

I have been involved in the HOPE Project, was the Chair of Strong Families Strong Community project, Chair of South West Hospital and Health Service Board, Deputy Chair of Southern Qld Council of Mayors, and the Chair of South West Regional Economic Development from 2012 - 2016.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED ABOUT YOURSELF DURING YOUR TIME AS MAYOR?

I got into this role for the flood event works because I wanted to contribute to the community.

I suppose I have learned that I have community service DNA. I have always been out serving the community and have learnt that I bring skills in strategic thinking and determination, and can bring people along on a vision.

"WHEN WE MANAGED TO FINISH THE WHOLE \$40 MILLION PROGRAM (NDRRA 2012 FLOOD EVENT WORKS) ON TIME AND ON BUDGET, THAT WAS A BIG ACHIEVEMENT."

LOOKING BACK, WHAT WAS YOUR WORST DAY ON THE JOB?

When I have to confront difficult staff issues, I never enjoy that.

LOOKING BACK, WHAT WAS YOUR BEST DAY ON THE JOB?

When Council received the grants for the new sewage treatment plant and reticulation works (\$9.1 million) and for the new Civic Centre building (\$5.312 million).

There was a lot of political work and lobbying that happened behind the scenes to make that happen.

HOW DO YOU THINK IT IS DIFFERENT TODAY FROM WHEN YOU TOOK OFFICE?

There is more legislation around being a Councillor and the rules are much more complicated. And that's not necessarily a bad thing.

I think that running Council has to be treated the same way as being a board member of a company, you have to have a much higher level of business management skills to be an effective Councillor.

WHAT CHALLENGES WILL THE NEW MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS FACE?

The main one that Council has control over is its economic sustainability. Creating efficiencies in Council's operation, asset management and cash flow are a big part of it.

ANY ADVICE OR PARTING WISDOM TO THE INCOMING MAYOR?

You will have to build the team as an effective management unit and run Council to the benefit of the whole shire, rather than a select few or just Cunnamulla. The challenge will be to introduce efficiencies which will make the Council more economically sustainable and deliver value for money in everything we do.

Council pre-qualified contractor and trades tender

Thank you very much to all the local businesses who lodged a submission for our recent Pre-qualified Contractor Register.

The purpose of this process is to gauge interest from local businesses in the supply of plant, equipment, labour and trade skills for future Council projects. It is anticipated that contractors

and suppliers will be used as required to supplement Councils' existing workforce should the need arise.

We were fortunate to receive a large number of submissions from the local community, all of which will now go onto Council's register for potential future job opportunities.

If you missed the tender close date the door is certainly not closed. Contact Council and we will walk you through the registration process so your business can be considered for future works.

Upcoming Council meetings

Our ordinary meetings are held around the shire once a month.

Anyone is welcome to attend the Council meetings.

Tuesday 17 March

Wyandra Town Hall, Wyandra

Tuesday 21 April

Paroo Shire Hall, Cunnamulla

Tuesday 19 May

Noorama Racecourse, Noorama

For more information, contact Council on 4655 8400 or visit www.paroo.qld.gov.au/meetings-and-minutes

Public holiday closures for Council services

Several public holidays are gazetted during Autumn, which means Council services will not be operating on these days:

Friday 10 April: Good Friday

Monday 13 April: Easter Monday

Saturday 25 April: ANZAC Day

Monday 4 May: Labour Day

Friday 22 May: Cunnamulla & District Show Holiday

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With Council receiving \$23.245 million of external grants in 2018-19 a team is needed to make sure projects are completed on time and to spec. Tucked away in an almost-hidden room are three of the team members who help make this happen.

Favourite food to get in Cunnamulla?

It's got to be rissoles at the Hotel Cunnamulla.

What do you like most about Cunnamulla?

The relaxed lifestyle.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

I love how varied the projects are that I get to work on.

What's a favourite hobby?

Trying new foods and wine.

What type of work have you done in the past?

Construction Manager and Building Development Manager for land subdivisions.

Give us one interesting fact about you:

I'm about to renovate a house... is that interesting or crazy?

Favourite food to get in Cunnamulla?

I love the pork belly at the Hotel Cunnamulla.

What do you like most about Cunnamulla?

How quick it is to get to work – no traffic!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Lots of different projects to keep things interesting.

What's a favourite hobby?

Travel – I've been to 63 countries so far. Iceland has been my favourite to date.

What type of work have you done in the past?

Quality Engineer and Site Engineer in construction.

Give us one interesting fact about you:

I'm currently planning my next trip to Indonesia.

Favourite food to get in Cunnamulla?

For brekkie the eggs benedict at the Gidgee Bean Café and a camel burger for lunch from the Cunnamulla Coffee Shop.

What do you like most about Cunnamulla?

The serenity!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

The challenging projects and managing a range of stakeholders.

What's a favourite hobby?

Meditation.

What type of work have you done in the past?

Managing Director of a civil construction company and mindset performance coach.

Give us one interesting fact about you:

I have developed an online meditation coaching business.

Updated Children and Young People Policy in effect

Paroo Shire Council welcomes children and young people into its libraries, facilities and for other programs and activities - and also want to ensure their safety while doing so.

In February the Children and Young People Policy that covered events and activities in Paroo Shire Council libraries, has been reviewed and amended to extend across all Council departments.

For the purpose of the policy, a child refers to those aged 10 years and under and a young adult are those aged between 11 - 18 years. The policy's aim is to clarify the role of Paroo Shire Council employees in regards to supervising children and young adults at Council facilities and

define the responsibilities of parents and carers.

For this reason, as Paroo Shire Council libraries, facilities and programs/activities are not licensed child-minding facilities, Council staff cannot take responsibility for the supervision of children or young adults.

Children aged 10 years or younger must be supervised by a parent, guardian or responsible carer who is at least 18 years old. Supervision requires that the person must be within sight of the child at all times.

The role of Council staff is to guide and assist children and young adults with the activity and not to undertake parental

responsibilities. Staff also have the authority to ban or insist that anyone vacate or leave immediately if any of the following behaviours are exhibited:

- swearing
- fighting
- bullying
- misuse of furniture or equipment
- misbehaviour at programs
- unsafe swimming

Council thanks you for your co-operation to keep Paroo's children safe at all times.

For more information visit www.paroo.qld.gov.au/policies or phone 4655 8400.

If you're in an accident that brings down powerlines, stay in the vehicle if safe, call 000 or Ergon Energy and wait for help.



New Youth Support Officer continues journey in Cunnamulla

Welcome to
Jaquie Lait, Council's new
Youth Support Officer
while Nyarula enjoys
her maternity leave

Jaquie Lait's says her story began 15 years ago when she was given a second chance at life.

After spending eight out of nine months in hospital during a pregnancy, Jacquie was given a 50/50 chance of survival on one particular day, due to domestic violence (DV).

Jaquie says that from this point she knew something had to change, and that she was the person to do it.

"I can absolutely resonate with other victims of DV and abuse," Jaquie said.

"I knew that with the experiences I had been through, that I could utilise them in a positive way - I just needed to learn how to do so."

Jaquie then completed a Diploma in Counselling which led her to also achieving a Diploma in Life Coaching.

In addition to her studies, Jaquie became a professional Muay Thai fighter within a year, and used her position as a professional

sportsperson to raise awareness of DV and abuse, becoming an ambassador for Fighters Against Child Abuse Australia (FACAA).

Jaquie's previous work experience includes being the Mindset and Life Skills Coach at the Nambour State College on the Sunshine Coast.

"Although I've recently moved to Cunnamulla, beforehand during my time on the Sunshine Coast I worked with many people in the mindset field," Jaquie said.

"I am also currently writing a self-help book called 'Unleash the Superhuman Within' - a fun mindset and coaching book aimed at ages 12 - 20 years, or anyone who loves comic book superheroes!"

Jaquie says that she's excited about taking on the Youth Support Officer role and has lots of ideas in mind.

"I'm looking to bring new, fresh and fun programs and ideas to help re-engage the younger people in the region," Jaquie explained.

"I'm looking to bring new, fresh and fun programs and ideas to help re-engage the younger people in the region"

"I'd like to actively teach them positive life skills in an innovative way, that will also have a positive effect on the community as a whole."

"One new project is a boxing and mindset curriculum which will hopefully start in March and will see the comeback of Cunnamulla Boxing Club."

Paroo Shire Council is excited to have Jaquie on board and are sure that her knowledge and experience will be of huge benefit to our shire's young people.

The Youth Support Program includes information access services as well as case management and one-on-one assistance.

Welcome to Paroo Shire, Ricey!

The Chief Operations Officer (COO) is a very important role at Paroo Shire Council with the COO being responsible for the management and delivery of construction and maintenance programs throughout the shire.

These works include but aren't limited to roadworks, bridges, water, sewerage, waste, airports, sporting facilities, and parks and gardens infrastructure.

Council are currently seeking a permanent person for this role, but the man who is our Acting COO is Sean Rice aka Ricey.

Sean was born and raised just over the border in Bourke, and worked for the Bourke Shire Council for eight years including as the Director of Engineering.

Despite also having worked and lived up in Airlie Beach for a while,

Sean says he is a country boy at heart.

"I live in the bush and probably always will," Sean said.

"My greatest satisfaction comes from helping councils develop practical solutions using their existing local resources as much as possible."

When asked what his most significant career highlight has been Sean replied that a big flood restoration works project took the cake.

"Completing \$120 million of flood restoration works for the Balonne Shire Council was pretty cool."

"We brought it in 20% below budget using all local contractors with the

help of Balonne Shire Councillors and staff. I don't think I'll top that in this lifetime, but I can assure you I won't die wondering."

Paroo Shire Council is excited to have Sean on board for the interim and appreciate all the experience and skills he has to offer. Welcome Ricey!



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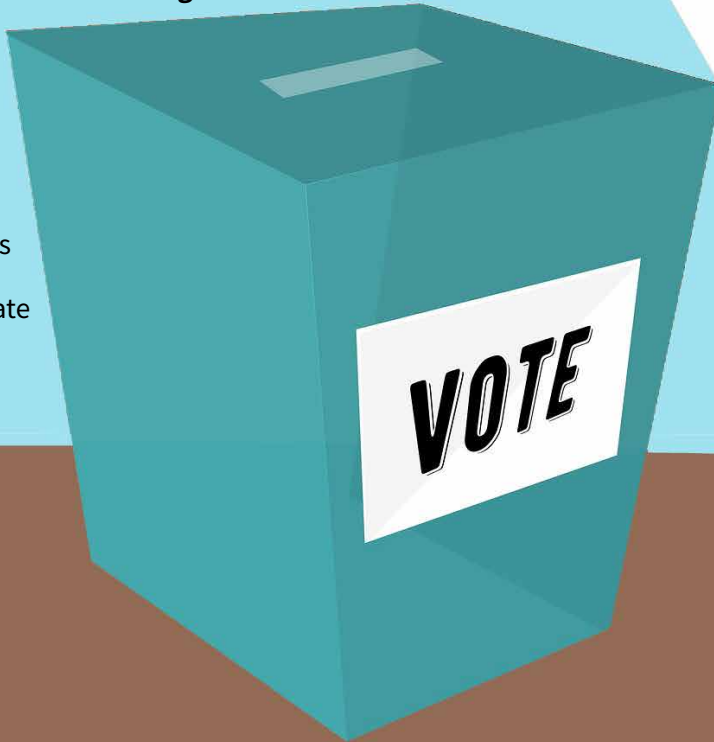
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Upcoming Council elections

Elections for all Queensland-based local governments are held every four years and are organised and managed by the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ).

The next election is taking place across the state on Saturday 28 March, with candidate nominations having opened in late February.

Voting is compulsory in Australia and failing to vote may result in a fine. The ECQ provides voting assistance to any Queenslanders who require it.



The results of the Council elections will be announced after the votes are tallied which is likely to be in early to mid-April due to the Easter long weekend.

Voting in Paroo will be undertaken via full postal ballot. Registered and enrolled voters will receive a pack in the mail with all they need to cast their vote. For more information visit www.ecq.qld.gov.au or phone the ECQ on 1300 881 665.

Staff undergo professional development workshops

A number of Council staff have recently participated in a two professional development courses.

The first was 'Team Building with a Twist' where staff members deciphered their Myers Briggs type, increased their understanding of their own and others' strengths and weaknesses in relation to each person's personality, and practiced ways of communicating and relating to a diverse range of people. All of this taught the team the value of having diversity in the workplace

and how to maximise everyone's strengths for maximum productivity.

The second was an extensive three-day Mental Health First Aid course. This course gave the team the skills and knowledge to be a Mental Health First Aid Officer and provide initial informal support to other employees in the workplace. A Mental Health First Aid Officer can also provide confidential peer support for initial contact as well as assistance and referrals.

Congratulations and thank you to all staff who participated.

Council receives grant for clean-up project

Paroo Shire Council has received \$45,600 from the Local Government Illegal Dumping Hotspot Grants Program for the 'Cunnamulla Clean-up Project' which aims to reduce the illegal dumping of tyres along highways, local roads, public reserves and roadside rest areas.

The project includes development of waste management plans, surveillance and corresponding identification of offenders illegally dumping, implemented in conjunction with a region-wide community education program.

Blair rides into state championships

Former Paroo boy, who now lives in Roma, Blair Beresford has been selected to represent Queensland in the Junior Boys team at the Australian Polocrosse Nationals in March/April 2020.



How long have you been playing polocrosse?

I have been playing polocrosse for the past six years.

What do you love about the sport?

The thing I like most about playing polocrosse is the social side such as meeting new people and having fun.

What team do you play for now and what teams have you played for in the past?

I first started playing polocrosse for Toompine and then played for Eulo for a year. I then moved to Roma for school and have played for them for the past two years.

What is it like to play against your sister? Who is the better player...?

Playing against family members including my sister makes the game more fun! And I'm the better player of course...

How does it feel to be selected to play at a national level?

To be selected to play for Queensland at Ballarat is an unreal feeling.

What are you most excited about?

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What happens if your team wins?

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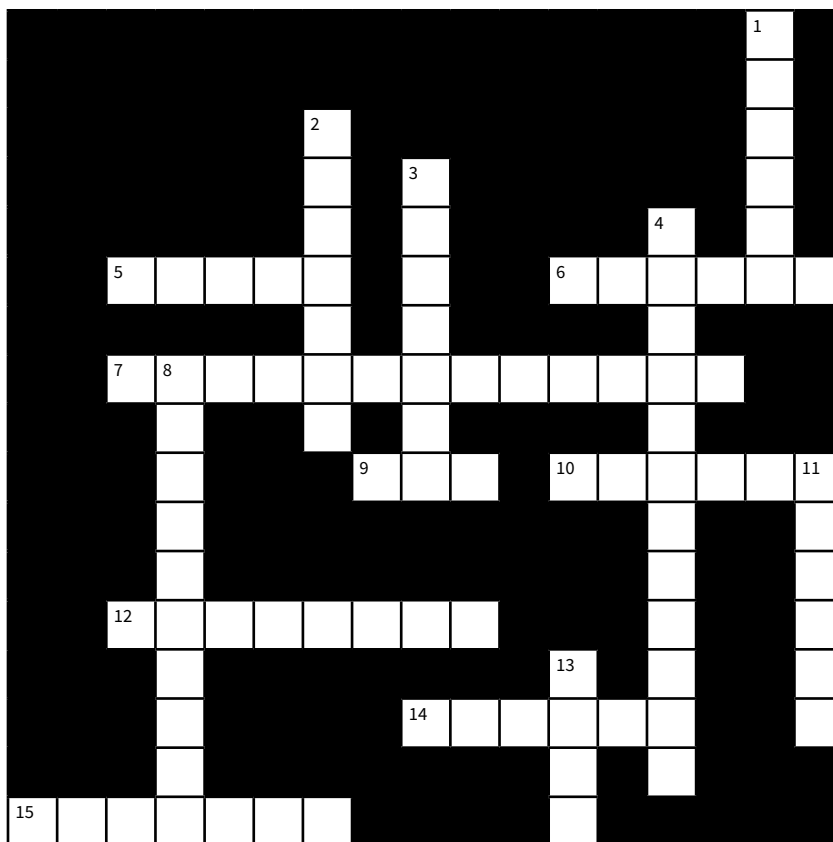
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Crossword

Across

5. Freedom from disturbance; tranquility
6. An arrangement of flowers, leaves or stems fastened in a ring and used for decoration or for laying on a grave
7. Biscuits were sent by wives and women's groups to soldiers abroad (5,8)
9. Returned and Services League, Australia (1,1,1)
10. A long, narrow ditch
12. Companionship or friendship
14. A public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
15. A person who serves in an army



Down

1. The prevailing or typical quality, mood, or attitude of a person, group, or period in time
2. A period of time without speech or noise
3. Flowers that bloomed in abundance on Europe's battlefield
4. A phrase commonly used in war remembrance services (4,2,6)
8. "Aotearoa" in the Maori language (3,7)
11. A large building with an extensive floor area, typically for housing aircraft
13. The first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise

Trivia

What is the Victoria Cross, and what is it awarded for?



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