

JUNE 2026

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Another very busy month across Paroo Shire and you just never know what is going to happen out West. I must say having to deal with a chemical incident had not been on my radar at the start of the month! Whilst we may never find out how the mercury came to be at the dump, I would just like to applaud the Queensland Fire Department and Council staff (especially David, Guy, Christina D, Amanda, Wayne and Christina S) for their outstanding efforts in responding to the incident and making sure the community was safe.

The Council and executive completed community consultations earlier in the month. Seems like we are heading in the right direction and have taken on suggestions for further improvements. It is always good to get direct feedback that we can action.

Both the Mayor and I then travelled to Quilpie and Longreach to ensure that Paroo's voice is heard in framing new disaster management guidelines as well as connecting with senior ministers and senior state government officials. We were fortunate enough to secure the support of the Special Commissioner for Regional and Rural Queensland to hopefully accelerate the development of industrial land in Cunnamulla. Something that is desperately needed to create employment opportunities.

Last week, Council held a community briefing session on the proposed 2026/27 budget which will be presented to the June Council meeting for adoption. Thank you for those who attended. The budget is balanced and financially responsible whilst also taking into account the cost-of-living challenges both the Council and residents are facing. A huge shout-out to our finance team who have been developing the budget for the last six months.

The nights and mornings are cooler and the tourist season seems to have picked up if the number of caravans on the roads are any indicator.

There is lots happening around the South West over the months ahead so let's hope this draws big numbers of tourists.

We have the Cunnamulla Fella Roundup scheduled in for Saturday 12 September. Barrels, pole bending, bikes and bulls – it is going to be a great day so spread the word and let's get Cunnamulla pumping that weekend.

We'd like to congratulate the May winner of the 2026 Paroo Shire Photography Competition!
June entries are now open!

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



"A Rainbow to Work" by Tahli Virtue

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 16th June
- 21st July
- 18th August
- 15th September
- 13th October
- 17th November
- 15th December

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SNAP SEND SOLVE

Paroo Shire Council has partnered with Snap Send Solve to make it easier for our community to report an issue.



Snap Send Solve is a free app that makes it easy for the community to report a maintenance issue to Council, just download it from the app store, snap the issue and send it off.

No waiting on the phone, no forms to fill out, just a few taps and your Snap is on the way to being Solved.

Download the app from QR code above or at www.snapsendsolve.com

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Council crews are continuing to progress flood damage restoration works, heavy formation grading works currently underway on Jobs Gate Road.



Out of the total 33km of programmed heavy formation grading works on Jobs Gate Road, approximately 3km has been completed to date. Works are progressing steadily and are expected to be completed by 2nd July 2026, weather and site conditions permitting. Following completion of Jobs Gate Road, crews will mobilise to Camden Road to continue flood damage restoration works and then commence Gamarren Road reseal and rehabilitation works.

Construction crews have commenced DRFA flood damage restoration works on Hungerford Road involving heavy formation grading on 61.3 km of road to repair flood-damaged sections and improve overall road conditions. To date, approximately 12.7 km of heavy formation grading has been completed. The project is scheduled for completion in September 2026, weather and site conditions permitting.

Council has also completed extensive jet patcher works over five weeks on the sealed road network to repair damage to the road surface.

For a more detailed overview on roadworks read **Roaming Paroo Shire's Roads** on Council's website at www.paroo.qld.gov.au/roadworks



CAMARATA with Queensland's Chamber Orchestra

16th - 17th June at the Paroo Shire Hall

Kids Mini Motorbike Gymkhana

Saturday 20th June from 9am at the Wyandra Racecourse

Fishing Fun Day

Sunday 21st June. Register from 7am at Centenary Park

Pram Kicker by Sadie Hasler

Wednesday 24th June from 6.30pm at the Paroo Shire Hall

Stars of Charlotte Plains

25th - 28th June at Charlotte Plains

The Final Works of Frank McCormick

Friday 26th June from 6pm at the Cunnamulla Art Gallery

Free Skateboard Workshops

29th - 30th June from 9am - 3pm at the Cunnamulla Skatepark

Fire 2 Fork

Saturday 4th July from 5pm at Alroy Station

Yowah Opal Festival

17th - 19th July in Yowah

List Your Event

To list your event on both the Paroo Shire Event and Tourism calendars email council@paroo.qld.gov.au

Markets Cunnamulla

Where: Centenary Park
When: Sunday 14th June
Sunday 12th July &
Sunday 9th August
Time: 10am - 2pm

Eulo

Where: Town Park
When: Sunday 21st June &
Sunday 5th July

Yowah

Every Wednesday &
Saturday from 5pm - 7pm

TOURISM UPDATE

There are plenty of exciting events and attractions coming up across Paroo Shire over the next few weeks.

The recent opening of the Art Hub Collective Exhibition was well attended, and the exhibition remains open until 20th June. With free entry for locals, there's still time to stop by and enjoy the display.

Our next exhibition will be a special showcase of the final works of renowned local artist Frank McCormick. Known for his stunning bush landscapes, Frank's work has left a lasting impression on many throughout the region. The exhibition opening will be held on Friday 26th June at 6pm, providing an opportunity to celebrate his artistic legacy and view some of his final pieces.

We welcomed over 30 visitors to our Shire on the Fun Over 50's tour recently. The 'Backing the Outback' was a special purpose-led, non-profit recovery journey created by the company to bring visitors and confidence back to Outback Queensland communities impacted by floods, cancellations and reduced visitation. They generously donated the use of their Gold Class coach, driver and tour host and we enjoyed showcasing our town with them.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from any clubs or associations interested in re-using the old lighting poles and/or luminaires from John Kerr Park.

The materials would be supplied "as is and where is" and they can be inspected by appointment by contacting Council on council@paroo.qld.gov.au

THANK YOU RUBY



After more than three decades delivering mail over 10,000kms/month on two runs in the Paroo Shire, Ruby Gamble is retiring.

From all of us in the Shire, Ruby, we thank you. You have been much more than just a mail lady to so many, and we wish you all the very best.

Image courtesy: ABC Southern Queensland: Dan McCray



Smoke alarm laws are changing in Queensland

Check your smoke alarms today.

Look for the Australian Standard code AS 3786-2014 on your smoke alarm to check it meets the new requirements.

It's time to replace your smoke alarms if they:

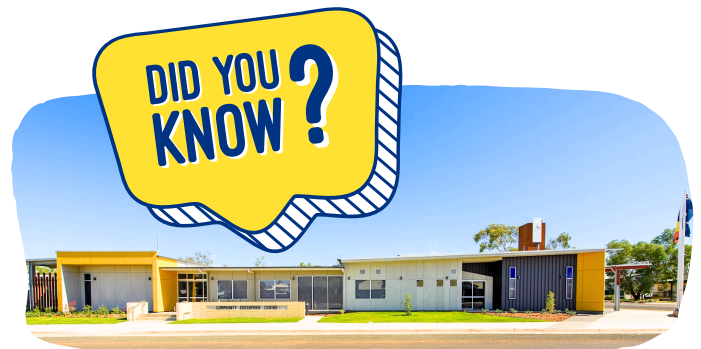
- contain an ionisation sensor
- do not have an interconnected function with other smoke alarms in your home
- are more than 10 years old
- are not installed on every storey, in bedrooms or connecting rooms and hallways.

For more information visit our website fire.qld.gov.au/smokealarms

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The Paroo Shire Community Team is dedicated to providing an open, inclusive, and welcoming environment for everyone in our community. Whether you are seeking assistance, information, or simply a comfortable place to work or study, our team is here to help with any questions or support you may need.

We provide free public computers that are available for general use, giving guests access to online resources, research tools, and digital services.

A separate Digital Hub space is also available for hire for meetings, consultations, workshops, online conferences and community gatherings, with access to a digital screen and online meeting facilities.

OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday to Thursday - 10am - 12pm & 2pm - 4pm

For more information contact the Communities Team on 4655 8400 or community@paroo.qld.gov.au

YOWAH

You asked, we listened!

The YOMCSI kitchen is now serving freshly cooked dinners every Wednesday and Saturday night. Expect hearty, comforting meals that are worth slowing down for. Whether you're coming for dinner, a chat with friends, or both, we'd love to see you. Thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do it without our amazing community.

YOMCSI is proud to present an upcoming exhibition by the incredibly talented Jacob Marjarian, in collaboration with local artist Eddie Maguire. This unique collection explores the quiet beauty and ever-changing nature of the world around us, drawing inspiration from the remarkable landscapes and subtle details found throughout Yowah.

Join us for an inspiring exhibition that celebrates creativity, connection, and the beauty of our local surroundings from 17-19 July.



WYANDRA

Our students are very excited with the new footpath at the school, all thanks to the Paroo Shire Council. Thank you we greatly appreciate it!

Coming up this month on the 20th June, we have our Kids Mini Motorbike Gymkhana. The action kicks off at 9am at the Wyandra Racecourse.

This is a fun-filled day held by the Wyandra Progress Association with lots of games, prizes and BBQ lunch. We couldn't do it without our fabulous sponsors: TRACC and the Paroo Shire Council. So why not come and join us.

We have a new Town Orderly! Ray Livingstone, and he is doing an amazing job making our town neat and tidy.

The Wyandra Progress Association AGM had to be postponed and when the new date is set, we will post it on our Facebook page. All are welcome to attend.



EULO

Eulo Polocrosse Club recently hosted their annual carnival, and it was a fantastic weekend for both the club and the wider community.

The event brought players, families, spectators and visitors into town for a weekend of great polocrosse, friendly competition and a chance for everyone to come together socially.

It was great to see the grounds busy, the sidelines full and so many people enjoying everything the weekend had to offer.

A big thank you goes to all the volunteers and sponsors, who helped make the carnival such a success. Events like this take a lot of work behind the scenes, and it would not be possible without the support of so many people.

A thank you to Paroo Shire Council for our new swings, our children love them!

A reminder that the Eulo Markets are also still running every second Sunday. Come along and support the stallholders.

POLICE BEAT

A lot has been going in Cunnamulla recently, which is why you may have missed our two new officers, Rebecca and Jordan, fresh from policing the streets of Rockhampton.

Rebecca is already getting out there assisting with our Bluelight and Adopt-a-Cop programs. Both are thoroughly enjoying Cunnamulla so far and looking forward to being here for the next few years.

We have exciting plans taking shape involving our schools and through the Bluelight program, including silent discos, laser tag, movie nights, prize draws and more. We look forward to seeing you all at these events and remember we are always looking for volunteers to help us run these programs. If this sounds like you, reach out to myself or Rebecca because we'd love to hear from you.

