

OCTOBER 2026 MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



September is done and dusted and so are the footy finals. Things start to heat up from now for a few months.

I was fortunate to drive to the MCG to attend the AFL Grand Final with my kids to see the mighty Brisbane Lions complete the threepeat – again!! Then I recently travelled down to Hungerford and Currawinya National Park. I have to say the Hungerford Road is far superior to the motorways in Victoria and is a credit to the Council staff who worked in conjunction with TMR to deliver an amazing, pot-hole free road.

Whilst the staff from Paroo Shire Council do some great work across the Shire, so do many others in our community. The Australia Day Awards are a way to showcase these exceptional people, so please get your nominations in and nominate that person or event that makes you feel proud to be from the Paroo Shire.

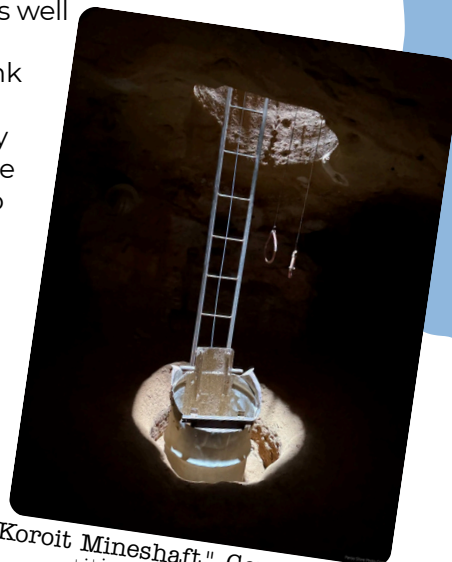
Council has long been supportive of providing quality aged care in the Paroo Shire so that community members can age close to their family and on their country. The Department of Health, Disability and Ageing are holding a community forum between 1 – 3 pm on Monday 12 October in the Kookaburra Room at the CCEC. Please come along and advocate for better aged care services in the Paroo Shire.

If you have not already visited, the Cunnamulla Library floor has been refurbished and now provides a fresh and modern appearance for our excellent facility. Drop in and say hi to Kacey and her team, and if you are not a member why not sign up. Libraries are a lot more than just books these days. I am also pleased to highlight free Wi-Fi has been installed at the Yowah library.

Finally, as we move into disaster season, please make sure you think about being disaster ready and have a plan in place as well as registering for notifications from our Emergency Dashboard using the following link <https://dashboard.paroo.qld.gov.au>. Our Community Recovery & Resilience Officer Guy has developed a great series of events over the next few months to arm you with vital skills to deal with a disaster. Please try to get along to these sessions. They are free and could be invaluable to assist either yourself or others in time of need.

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

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



"Koroit Mineshaft" Gene McDevitt

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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 13th October
- 17th November
- 15th December
- 19th January
- 16th February
- 16th March

JOB VACANCIES

- Senior Technical Officer
- Administration 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

If you'd like an
electronic version
of our newsletter,
please scan QR
Code to subscribe!



NOMINATIONS OPEN 2027 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

The Australia Day Awards give us an opportunity to recognise our everyday community members who are making a difference in our community.

Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Sports Award (Athlete or Sports Administrator)
- Young Sports Person of the Year
- Community or Cultural Event of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

Nominations for the 2027 Australia Day Awards are due by Tuesday 1st December 2026.

For more information and the nomination form:

<https://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/Community/Australia-Day>

COMMUNITY FACEBOOK FLYER DROP

Every Wednesday, Council is doing a Paroo Community Flyer Drop on our Facebook page.

Let us help spread the word about your event. ✉ Email your flyer to community@paroo.qld.gov.au and we'll include it in our Community Flyer Drops.

FREE PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

Tuesday 13th October

Wyandra Hall from 9am-12.00pm

Cunnamulla Civic Centre from 1.30pm-3.30pm

Wednesday 14th October

YOMSCI Hall from 9am-12.00pm Eulo Hall from 1.30pm-3.30pm

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Works on Hungerford Road DRFA Flood Damage

The Construction Crew has completed approximately 61.3 km of heavy formation grading on the Hungerford Road.

The crew has received positive feedback from TMR on the quality of its work and the progress made. During a site visit, a TMR inspector praised the standard of the road preparation, and TMR engineers provided further positive feedback at a project meeting.

Austek Asphalt Services Pty Ltd completed the sealing of a small section of the Hungerford Road on 1st October 2026.

DRFA Bullo Development Road 94A

The Town Maintenance Crew has completed a range of flood damage restoration works along Bulloo Developmental Road. Austek Asphalt Services Pty Ltd completed sealing a small section of Bullo Development Road on 1st October 2026.

For a more detailed overview on roadworks read Roaming Paroo Shire's Roads September update on Council's website at

<https://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/News-and-Events/News/Roaming-Paroo-Shire-Roads>



Aged Care Community Forum

Monday 12th October from

1.00pm - 3.00pm

Kookaburra Room,

Civic & Community Enterprise Centre

Goldilocks Rocks

Wednesday 14th October from

10.30am

Cunnamulla Shire Hall

Cunnamulla Golf Club Pink Day

Saturday 17th October from

10.30am

Cunnamulla Golf Club

Cunnamulla Gun Club Heinemanns Cup & Memorial Shoot

Saturday 17th October from 1.00pm

Cunnamulla Gun Club

Cunnamulla Fishing Club Fun Day

Sunday 18th October from 7.00am

Centenary Park

Eulo Tennis, Halloween Activities & Kid's Movie

Saturday 31st October

Eulo Hall



List Your Event

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

TOURISM UPDATE

Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Information Centre finalist in the 2026 Queensland Tourism Awards.

The Paroo Shire Council is excited to announce the Cunnamulla Fella Visitor Information Centre is a finalist in the 2026 Queensland Tourism Awards!

It's a special moment for our team and a great recognition of the work that goes into what they do every day. We're proud to be among some brilliant tourism businesses from across Queensland, all coming together to celebrate the tourism industry and the people behind it.

A huge congratulations to all of the other finalists, including our very own Charlotte Plains! It's fantastic to see such strong representation from Outback Queensland.

The winners will be announced at the Queensland Tourism Awards Gala Ceremony to be held on the Gold Coast on 6 November 2026.



RADF ROUND TWO FUNDING OPEN

Got a brilliant idea? We are on the hunt for visionaries in our community. Whether its art, craft or innovation, if you've a spark of inspiration, we'd like to fuel it.

Applications close 7 November 2026.

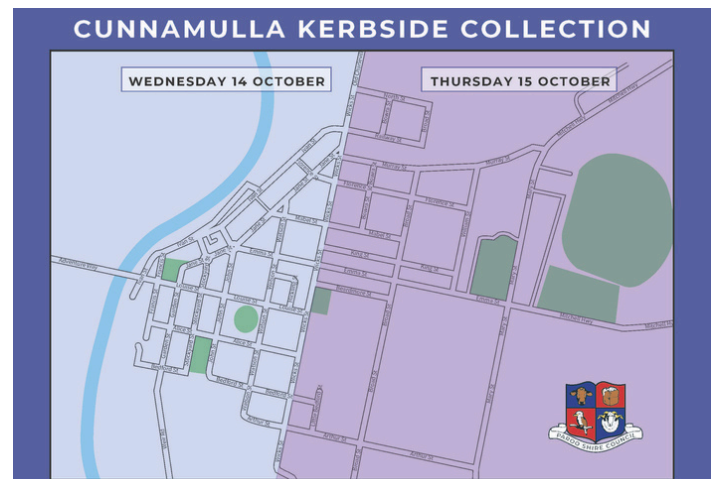
For assistance contact Marsha:
Email: communities@paroo.qld.gov.au
Phone: 0407 324 417

HARD WASTE KERBSIDE PICKUP - CUNNAMULLA

It's on again! 14th and 15th October the Paroo Shire is proud to be doing another hard waste pickup for the residents of Cunnamulla.

Collections will follow the waste collection map below.

For details of what can and cannot be collected: <https://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/News-and-Events/News/Cunnamulla-Kerbside-Collection-October-2026>



BLUE LIGHT SHEARING IN THE PAROO

Last month 18 young people from around south west Queensland, including students from Cunnamulla P-12 State School, were on the boards at Warrego Park shearing shed, near Wyandra, participating in a Blue Light Shearing program.

Read more about it here:
<https://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/News-and-Events/News/Blue-Light-Shearing-in-the-Paroo>



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE PAROO SHIRE FOR GET READY QUEENSLAND WEEK



POLICE BEAT



Thankyou to everyone who attended Cunnamulla's Police Remembrance Day Ceremony on the 29th of September. It was great to see so many turn out to remember and reflect on those officers from around the Nation who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

As we move into October, we also start moving into our disaster season, with the potential for greater storms, flooding, and bushfires. Make sure you're prepared and check out the Get Ready Queensland website, getready.qld.gov.au, for tips and checklists to ensure you and your family are ready this disaster season. Stay Safe.

S/Sgt Rob Hanbidge