

SEPTEMBER 2026

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Where has the year gone? We are now into September, and the year has flown by.

August has been a busy month for the Council across the board, but I just wanted to highlight the work the Community Team are doing to bring a range of events and services to the Shire. In August they hosted free digital confidence workshops for seniors across the Shire and facilitated sessions at the State School in Cunnamulla to make our kids aware of the risks of the internet.

They also hosted a family movie night and are planning a range of activities in September including another skate workshop and hosting a school holiday Cook & Connect as well as a Child Safeguarding workshop to highlight the implications on new laws that came into effect last October. Great work Chrissy and Marsha.

Council continues to advocate against proposed changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements that have the potential to severely impact how much funds are available to repair disaster damaged roads and other infrastructure. All Queensland Councils are in lock-step in opposing the proposed changes.

The John Kerr Park masterplan improvements continue with new cricket nets and two toilet blocks installed during the month. Council is seeking funding for further developments.

How good was the Cunnamulla Show – topped off with some amazing fireworks? Kudos to the organising committee and volunteers for a great event. Planning is complete for what is shaping up to be an amazing day at the Cunnamulla Fella Roundup. Hope everyone gets along and enjoys the day.

In closing a few staff highlights and it is hard to go past Barry Jordans 49th year with Council – truly a significant achievement.

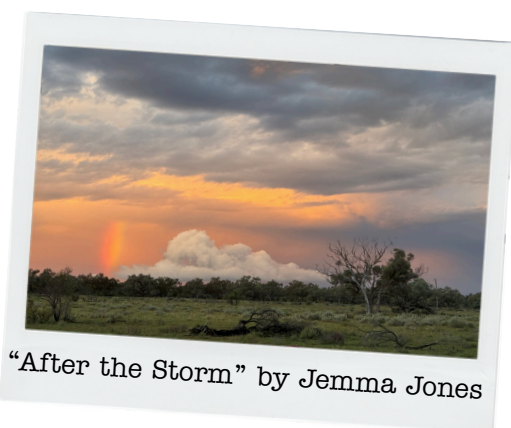
A huge shout out to Guy, our Community Recovery and Resilience Officer, on gaining his Auxiliary Fire Service qualification.

Guy is passionate about our community and has gone that extra mile to bolster our fire service resources in Paroo Shire. Thank you for your service.

We'd like to congratulate the
August winner of the
2026 Paroo Shire
Photography Competition!

September entries are now open!

"After the Storm" by Jemma Jones



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

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 15th September
- 13th October
- 17th November
- 15th December

JOB VACANCIES

- Events 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

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COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE

HAVE YOUR SAY

We want to hear from our community.

Complete the Community Recovery & Resilience Survey and help us understand local priorities, experiences and what is important for strengthening recovery and resilience across the Paroo Shire.

Scan the QR code to complete the survey on your phone.



Or online at:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/1jXpRCWtT5?origin=lpLink>

FREE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - CERTIFIED COURSE

23-24 September | 8.30am-4pm

Kookaburra Room, Cunnamulla Civic Centre

Catering provided | Maximum 20 places

Registration essential:

Email crro@paroo.qld.gov.au

FREE PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID

Practical three-hour workshops providing skills to support people affected by emergencies, disasters or traumatic events. Catering provided.

No registration required - just turn up on the day.

13 October

Wyandra Hall - 9am

Cunnamulla Civic Centre - 1.30pm

14 October

YOMCSI Hall, Yowah - 9am

Eulo Shire Hall - 1.30pm

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Hungerford Road

Works on Hungerford Road, delivered under the jointly funded Commonwealth and State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), are progressing well and are expected to be completed by mid-September. TMR representatives have been very pleased with the quality of works delivered to date.

New Ablution Facilities

New ablution blocks have now been installed at John Kerr Park and the Cunnamulla Tennis Courts as part of Council's ongoing master plan and improvements to community facilities. The new facilities have been delivered through the Works for Queensland (W4Q) Program, supporting improvements to local infrastructure and amenities for the community.

Plant and Fleet Upgrades

This month saw the arrival of Council's new JCB tracked skid steer. The new unit has already been put to work at John Kerr Park, assisting with preparation of the pad for the recently installed ablution facilities.



RADF ROUND 1 NOW OPEN

Got a brilliant idea?

RADF Round 1 is your chance to bring it to life!

Applications close 18 September 2026.

Contact Marsha, RADF Liaison Officer if you need assistance at: community@paroo.qld.gov.au or 0407 324 417

For more information:

<https://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/Community/RADF>



Cunnamulla Fella Roundup

Saturday 12th September
from 11.30am

Cunnamulla Showgrounds

Child Safeguarding Workshop

Monday 14th September from
9am-12.30pm

Kookaburra Room CCEC

ABBA Girls Tribute Show

Sunday 20th September
Cunnamulla Shire Hall

South West Health Board Come and Meet Us

Monday 28th September from 1.30pm
Kookaburra Room CCEC

Get Ready Queensland Week

Cunnamulla Tuesday 6th October from 11am - 1pm

Eulo Wednesday 7th October from 9am - 10.30am

Yowah Wednesday 7th October from 1.30pm - 3pm

Wyandra Thursday 8th October from 12pm - 2pm

Cunnamulla Cup

Saturday 10th October from 12pm
Cunnamulla Race Track

Markets Cunnamulla

Where: Centenary Park

When: Sunday 13th Sept

Time: 10am - 2pm

Eulo

Where: Town Park

When:

Sunday 20th September

Sunday 4th October

List Your Event

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

TOURISM UPDATE

Spring is here, and there's plenty happening around the region this September! Here's what's coming up and how you can get out and enjoy our own backyard.



CUNNAMULLA FELLA ROUNDUP

Saturday 12 September | Cunnamulla Showgrounds
It's almost time to saddle up! The Cunnamulla Fella Roundup kicks off from 11.30am, with a full day of action and entertainment.

The program includes Barrel Racing & Pole Bending, the inaugural Cunnamulla Ute Show, and the evening Superbull & Freestyle Motocross Stunt Show.

There'll also be plenty for the whole family, including Axe Throwing, Mechanical Bull, Sideshow Alley, markets, live music, food, drinks and a DJ until late. Tickets start from just \$10, with onsite camping available from \$5 per vehicle and free camping for competitors.

CUNNAMULLA ART GALLERY

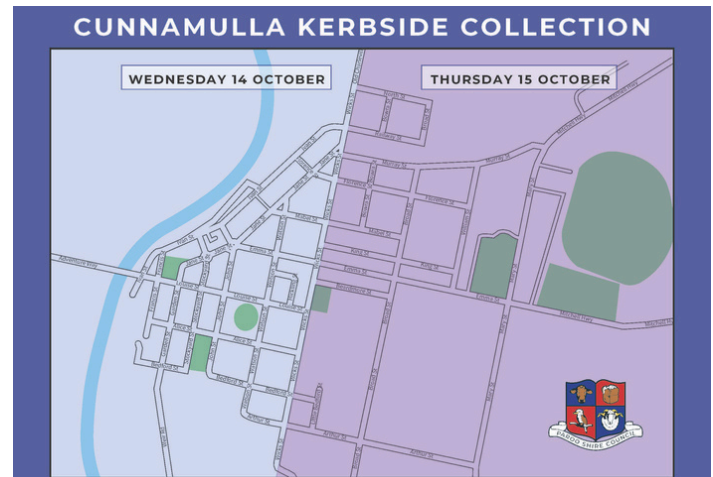
New Exhibition Opening 17 September
There's still time to catch the Julie Stone Exhibition, which runs until Monday 14 September. Then, on Thursday 17 September, the Gallery welcomes Nature's Resilient Whispers — a collaborative exhibition featuring three Central Queensland artists celebrating the beauty and resilience of the Australian landscape.
Opening Night | 6pm, Thursday 17 September

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>



SOUTH WEST HOSPITAL AND HEALTH BOARD COME AND MEET US

Come along, ask questions, and help shape the future of health services in your community.

Monday, 28 September 2026 from 1.30pm
Kookaburra Room, CCEC, Stockyard Street.

This is your opportunity to tell us:

- ✓ What's working well?
- ✓ What needs improvement?
- ✓ What matters most to you?

Can't attend?

Scan the QR code to share your feedback and attendance online. Your input matters, in person or digitally.

Together, we can build healthier, stronger communities.

RSVP Wednesday 23 September 2026 by QR Code or via SWHHS_Board@Health.qld.gov.au



Get Ready QLD Week!

Will you be Ready for the next severe weather event?
Come & have a chat & enjoy a BBQ on us!

- Catch up with friends & neighbours
- Discuss your plan with emergency teams
- Speak with DPI (Wyandra), Rural financial counselors & other services
- Presentation by QLD Fire Department
- Join us for a BBQ & cold drinks
- Go in the free prize draw!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

OCTOBER

Cunnamulla: Tues 6th - 11am-1pm (Shire Hall)
Eulo: Wed 7th - 9am-10.30am (Hall)
Yowah: Wed 7th - 1.30pm-3pm (Tom Fagan Park)
Wyandra: Thurs 8th - 12pm-2pm (Hall)

Free BBQ & prize draw!!!

Steps to get ready:
1. Understand your risk
2. Have a plan
3. Pack a kit

For more details contact
Marsha - 0407 324417

DELIVERING FOR QUEENSLAND

South West Health

SES

Lifeline

Rural Financial Counselling Service SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

South West Health

Farmer to Farmer

get ready QUEENSLAND

YOWAH

The YOMSCI AGM was held last month with a smooth and constructively, positive discussions about the future of YOMCSI and our Yowah community. The new office bearers and committee are: President: Adam Woods; Secretary: Eapril Hainsworth; Treasurer: Gary Hainsworth and committee members: David Haines and Lesley Stewart.

Our YOMSCI dinners at the hall have finished for the season.

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who has joined us for dinner throughout the season. Every meal and drink you purchase helps support YOMCSI and our community, and it is greatly appreciated. Your support, friendly faces, laughs and good yarns are what make these evenings so special, and we'll be back next year!

After the recent rain, and the arrival of spring, our district is looking spectacular with the wildflowers blooming. With warmer days, big blue skies, and splashes of colour everywhere, it's a pretty good excuse for a trip to our little opal mining town.



WYANDRA

It was a bright and early delivery from Aussie Helpers with our wonderful "Brekkie in a Bag"!

A huge thank you for helping to give our students a great start to the day, ready for learning and all that lies ahead.

Last month we celebrated Book Week - "Symphony of Stories"! A special thanks to our Teacher Aide, Miss Leanne, for all of her hard work setting up and organising it all. Don't you agree, our students, little visitors and Miss Leanne looked awesome!

Books can still be purchased for a short time. Contact the school for more details.



POLICE BEAT



The cool weather seems long gone and we can feel the temperature going back up.

With this beautiful weather, everyone is getting back out, riding bikes, skating, and generally having a good time in the sun. While we encourage kids to have fun, I also encourage them to wear helmets and ride safely.

Parents, please help us get the cycle/scooter safety message out, as it's your kids we don't want to see flown out with a head injury.

Have fun but do it safely.

S/Sgt Rob Hanbidge