



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

Community enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals

JANUARY 2024



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 13th February
- 12th March

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Various Australia Day events
26th January – see page 3
- River Lights Festival – 19–21 April
- Cunnamulla Fella Roundup –
14th September

JOB VACANCIES

- Finance Officer
- Media, Marketing &
Communication Officer
- Multi Skill Labourer Operator
- Senior Plumbers
- Chief Finance
Officer/Accountant
- Director of Infrastructure
- Director of Corporate Services,
Governance & Risk

EOI's being accepted for

- Traineeships

see [www.paroo.qld.gov.au/
council/employment](http://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/council/employment) for more

COUNCIL NEWS

Special Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 254C of Local Government Regulation 2012, a Special Meeting of Council will be held on Thursday, 25th January 2024 in the Civic and Community Enterprise Centre Boardroom, 49 Stockyard Street, Cunnamulla commencing at 3:00pm.

Thank you – Council Infrastructure Team & Simplx Group

After a week of record rainfall and severe storms in Cunnamulla and the Paroo Shire, it was fantastic to see the Paroo Shire Council Infrastructure Team out in the community with the Simplx Group removing debris and repairing damage. The team have worked tirelessly to restore services and get the town looking its best again. Thank you for your efforts!



Cunnamulla Hot Springs Official Opening – Wednesday 17th January

The Cunnamulla Hot Springs & River Walk Project has been officially opened by the Leader of the Nationals and Member for Maranoa, the Hon. David Littleproud.

The facility, which overlooks the Warrego River, will be a unique experience for south west Queensland and is expected to attract many new visitors to the area. It will become part of the Shire's newly formed Hot Springs Trail.

The Council also welcomes the Peninsula Hot Springs Group who will be operating this world class facility. The group has extensive experience in the hot springs and wellness industry both in Australia and overseas.

The \$11.7M project was jointly funded by the Federal and Queensland State governments making it the largest funded project ever undertaken by the Paroo Shire Council other than roadworks.

The state-of-the-art precinct designed by Cox Architecture includes a steam room and sauna as well as seven different shaped artesian filled pools providing a variety of experiences. It is projected the new facility will also benefit local businesses and create employment opportunities.



LIBRARY UPDATE

All library programs will resume early February. With Seniors Bingo commencing Thursday 1st February, weekly First5Forever program Monday 5th February 10 am and weekly iPad Lessons Thursday 8th February.

We are very busy assisting the State Library of Queensland with the organisation of the Small Libraries Conference to be held in Cunnamulla on Tuesday 5th May.

On Saturday 23rd May we will be partnering with CACH and Keely Johnson (founder of Dance like an Animal) and holding a Kids Talent Quest at the Shire Hall. Keely Johnson is also quite a well-known country music singer and has very kindly made this offer to us. She has previously performed at the Tamworth Country Music Festival as well as doing duets with Lee Kernaghan. She will also sing some country songs for us on the night. So, if you have talented children who can sing, or dance please come to the library and complete the entry form. Entry and admission will be free.

On Monday 25th March Keely will then hold two of her Dance like an Animal concerts for children.

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY TO OUR CUNNAMULLA FELLA!

The Cunnamulla Fella turned 18 late last year on the 18th of November and we forgot! Council staff gave him a wash and polish for his birthday and may or may not have sung him happy birthday!

OUTBACK RIVER LIGHTS FESTIVAL 19-21 APRIL



<--- full program



Outback River Lights planning is well underway with the event being only 3 months away! Advertising has commenced to bring people into town to experience a weekend of fun and everything that Cunnamulla has to offer. The program is up live on our Cunnamulla Tourism website and is being fine-tuned each day!

This year we are trying to bring the Outback River Lights to the Community and get the community involved in as many ways as possible. We will have community competitions, for art, sculpture, and lighting up your garden. There will be lots of prizes you can win! We want this art and sculpture to be featured throughout town and have walking trails for people to stop visit and view sculptures and art. If you want to showcase art in your business let us know. It's free and will encourage people to walk through your front door! We have options for Community groups to run BBQ's and food stalls on 3 evenings, 2 lunches and a breakfast, it's the perfect and easy way to fundraise. We would like to have a local person or group to offer face painting, another way to fundraise or earn some money! We want local businesses to create Picnic Hampers to sell for the Saturday and Sunday Picnic in the Park lunchtime sessions. We will have community markets on Sunday afternoon, stalls are free, we just need to know of your commitment to be involved. Other food businesses (or community groups) can set up food stalls throughout the festival weekend to sell food, snacks, drinks and much more.

If you want to be involved in another way that we haven't mentioned here, just let us know! Please email visitor@paroo.qld.gov.au



NEW RAIN RECORD

BOM and the official weather station held at the Cunnamulla Licenced Post Office, reported that we received 168mm of rain in the 24 hour period up until the morning of Monday 8th January 2024

This is the wettest recorded day in the history of Cunnamulla. (Since written records began in 1880!).

RADF UPDATE

RADF projects funded to date for 2023-2024 include:

- 2-day Mobile Jewellery Tutor Workshop 22-23/09/23
- 2-day Wood Alchemist Jewellery Workshop 7-8/10/23
- The Bee Story Workshop and Circus completed 8-9/10/23
- 2-day Dance Workshops and Concert 1-2/12/23
- 2024 Lantern 3-day Making Workshops 19-21/04/24
- 2-day Pastel Workshop in Yowah 22-23/06/24
- 2-day Pastel Workshop in Cunnamulla 20-21/07/24



RADF funded touring shows 2023-2024

- Twinkle and The Moon children's show 23/08/2023
- Dirty Fame Flash candles Club Cabaret 12/10/2023
- The Twits' children's show 15/05/2024
- Funny Mummies Cabaret 11/07/2024

Current RADF Committee Members are:

Deb Dunsdon - Chair

Joanne Woodcroft - Council Representative

Suzette Beresford, Kathleen Fagan, Anna Murphy, Hannah McKillop, Sharon Harper-Green, Faye Johnson and Trish Tucker.

If you require information regarding the RADF Program, you can contact any of the above committee members or the RADF Liaison Officer at Paroo Shire Council on 0746558400 or community@paroo.qld.gov.au

Paroo Shire Council & The Cunnamulla Tri Club Present

BUSINESS TRIATHLON CHALLENGE

MERCANTILE TYPE EVENT - TEAMS ONLY - NO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS




Start: 6:30am from Cunnamulla Pool
Event: 100m Swim, 2.5km Ride, 1km Run
Teams: Minimum 2 people - at least 2 members of team must be from the business

26TH JANUARY 2024

Contact Jock for more info on 0417 076 443

Rego forms from:
Council Office & Ashley Sports N All



CUNNAMULLA HOT SPRINGS

coming soon

immerse in nature's outback oasis

OPENS NEXT WEEK!

Nestled beside the Warrego River, our newest outback bathing oasis is opening next Thursday, 1st February, 2024!

We invite you to experience the profound benefits of natural hot springs as you relax in our healing waters, perhaps in the coolness of the morning or under a brilliant starry sky. Our hot springs is the ideal place to unwind as you soak in nature's beauty.

For more info or bookings see <https://www.cunnamullahotsprings.com/>



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

EULO DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

&

AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

EULO

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

EULO QUEEN HOTEL
6PM ONWARDS

JOIN US AT 6PM FOR AN
AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP
CEREMONY.
BBQ DINNER TO FOLLOW.



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YOMSCI PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

YOWAH

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

YOMSCI HALL
1PM ONWARDS

JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH
& CELEBRATE WITH THE
COMMUNITY



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PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

JOIN US FOR A FREE BBQ BREAKFAST

CUNNAMULLA POOL
FREE ENTRY
7AM-12PM
Australia Day ceremony
& pool activities to follow

Get your team ready for
the medley relay
50m Dash
Prizes to be won!



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Australia Day

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WYANDRA & DISTRICT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

WYANDRA

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY

WYANDRA HALL
11:30AM ONWARDS

JOIN US FOR A FREE BBQ
LUNCH, GAMES & ACTIVITIES



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