



# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

**FEBRUARY 2024**



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 20th February
- 12th March

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Local Council Elections  
– 16th March (postal vote)
- Noorama Picnic Races  
– 13th April
- River Lights Festival –  
19-21 April
- Cunnamulla Fella  
Roundup – 14th  
September

## JOB VACANCIES

- Multi Skill Plant 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

### RADF Update

In January 2024, the following RADF applications were approved:

- 2-day Silversmithing Workshop
- 2-day Wyandra Wire & Rust workshop
- Wyandra Youth Photography Workshop

This brings total RADF approvals for 2023-2024 year to ten. All RADF monies have now been expended for 2023-2024. There will be no further funding rounds until after 30th June 2024 when the 2024-2025 funding is announced.

Community groups can apply for The Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) which is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and distributes approximately \$60 million each year to not-for-profit community groups.

For more info see - <https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants>

### Disaster Management Funding

Council has been successful in winning \$222,625 of Disaster Management Funding, to fund the Purchase and installation of nine emergency generators to provide emergency backup power to ensure continuous operations of critical services including water, sewerage, fuel supply, and communications.

Council will match this value, extending the investment to \$445,250.

### Wyandra Airport

Generous support through the provision of guiding lights for the Wyandra Airport through RFDS fundraising and one of their generous donors Dawn Phillips who chose to help the Wyandra community to ensure they had a safe airstrip for night time emergency landings.

### Australia Day Awards

Thank you for everyone who joined us throughout the region last Friday for our Australia Day festivities. The recipients of our Australia Day Awards were named at our Cunnamulla celebration.

Congratulations to:

**Citizen of the Year** – Catherine Beresford

**Junior citizen of the Year** – Jarib Branfield-Bradshaw

**Sports Award** – Andrea McKenzie

**Community Event** – Melbourne Cup Parade and Sportsman's Dinner

All very well deserving members of our community!



## POOL UPDATE

Brenton Benson has resigned as Pool Supervisor and recruitment to the position will commence this week. Council would like to wish Brenton and his family all the best for their future. If you are looking for a change or know someone who might be suitable or interested in this position, please look out for the Position Description and Position Advertisement on Facebook or Council's website.

There was an electrical issue with the safety switch tripping a circuit breaker in the switchboard for the main pool pump last week which caused the pool to be closed for 24 hours. This was beyond Council's control as the switchboard was only replaced within the last 6 months and was not expected to fail. The decision to close the pool is not taken lightly and is done in consultation with a number of people including Council's WHS Officer. Once the pump has not been working for any length of time, the pool is unsafe to swim in until the equipment is running correctly, and the water is balanced in line with the QLD Health Water Quality Guidelines for Public Aquatic Facilities. Council is required to follow these guidelines to ensure that the pool water is appropriately balanced, and this is essential for effective disinfection of the water to ensure that there are no possible contaminants in the water that can cause harm to members of the public. Balanced PH is essential to ensure bather comfort e.g. reduce burning of eyes or irritation of the skin. It is also to ensure protection of Council infrastructure as incorrect pH levels can cause staining of the walls to the pool, dissolves any metal, pitting of concrete, loss of chlorine which means that more chlorine is used, make the pool water cloudy, plugged filters, circulation of pool water is reduced and inefficient sanitisation. If the requirements of the guidelines are not met, Council can be fined under the Public Health Act. Depending on the outage time, it can take up to 24 hours to circulate the water and chemicals fully through the pump and filtration system to achieve full operational capacity.

A number of community members have enquired about the replacement of the shade sails that were damaged during a storm in 2023. We apologise for delay in getting this work completed. There are a number of issues which have impacted on this, and Council is currently working on solutions to get the replacement shade sails installed at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any issues or problems regarding the pool, please call 0746558400 or email [council@paroo.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@paroo.qld.gov.au)

## DISASTER DASHBOARD

The Disaster Dashboard is located on the Paroo Shire Council website page <https://dashboard.paroo.qld.gov.au/>

The Dashboard provides up-to-date information for the following:

- Emergency News
- Road Conditions
- Power Outages
- Weather Warnings

There are also helpful contacts and you can view neighbouring Council's Dashboards.

There is a tour function so that you can find out how to use the Dashboard.

The screenshot shows the Disaster Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, Council, News & Events, Services, Community, Visit Paroo, and Contact Us, along with a Start Tour button. Below the navigation bar are four main data cards: Emergency News (0), Road Conditions (0), Power Outages (0), and Weather Warnings (13). Each card includes a published date of 09/02/2024 17:52. Below the cards are four links: Paroo Map, River Heights, Social Media, and Helpful Contacts.



## LIBRARY UPDATE

The library has been very busy this month already. We had 20 mums/children for our very first First5Forever program on Monday. Kindergarten has requested the Kindy kids to come visit the library again too. We will welcome them on Tuesdays commencing towards the end of the month.

Weekly bingo is a huge hit with the seniors. They are enjoying the social connection on a weekly basis now and attendance is at its highest. So much so, we have had to purchase two extra tables.

We are very excited about our upcoming Kids Talent Quest on Saturday 23rd March, followed by the Dance like an Animal shows on Monday 25th March. For more information or registration forms on either event please call into the library or CACH.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Starlight Foundation in Partnership with EB Games, delivered 2 X-Boxes, 2 spare controllers and 4 Bean Bags for the Neighbourhood Centre. Harvey Norman also provided a \$300 gift card which was used to purchase a speaker for use at the centre. A big thank you to Gayle Klein from TRACC for her part in these generous donations. Representatives of the Starlight Foundation attended the Neighbourhood Centre on Wednesday 14th February to make the presentation. Afternoon tea was provided, and the guys stayed to play ping pong and chat with some of the program attendees.





# TALENT

# Quest

FOR  
KIDS AGED  
6-16



FREE EVENT INCL. FREE  
BBQ THANKS TO CACH!

BBQ will commence 5.30 - 6pm  
Talent Quest will commence at 6pm  
Performances by Keely Johnson

SATURDAY NIGHT

MAR, 2024  
**23**

**PAROO SHIRE HALL,  
CUNNAMULLA**



Registration forms will be available from the library, Cach, P-12 Cunnamulla State School and Sacred Heart School. There is no registration fee.



# We are seeking Market Stall Holders

for

# Outback River Lights

# FESTIVAL

Community Markets  
Sunday 21st April 2024  
12.00-5pm

For more information:  
Contact Rachel Robinson  
community@paroo.qld.gov.au  
(07) 4655 8421



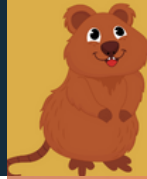
# DANCE like an Animal

Australia is home to some of the most  
unique animals on the planet... and boy do  
they know how to party!

WHEN : Monday 25th March  
10am & 12pm

WHERE : Paroo Shire Hall

COST: FREE



AGFORCE SWQ

# GOAT FORUM AND DINNER

CUNNAMULLA SHOW GROUNDS



Cunnamulla Show Grounds, 88 Emma St, CUNNAMULLA

Thursday 22 February 2024 | Forum 1:00pm - 5:30pm, Dinner 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Join AgForce and DAF for an afternoon Forum and evening Dinner and be updated on all the latest on what's happening in the Goat Industry.

#### GUEST SPEAKERS and TOPICS

- > Campbell McPhee & Miriam Blythe, Western Meat Exporters - Logistics... From Covid to Present, Markets...Fast Changing, Old and New Again
- > Richard Apps, MLA - Supply chain, Production, Genetics, Processing
- > Andrea McKenzie, DAF - Parasitology and Worm Management
- > Mick Sullivan, DAF - Nutrition, Native browse Analysis
- > Stephen Tully, AgForce - eIDs and Tag Retention

Q & A Panel Session Hosted by Bec Bayley DAF

#### PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



RSVP: Wednesday 21 February 2024

Register at Eventbrite: \*Please indicate via ticket selection if you are staying on for the dinner.  
agforce-swq-goat-forum-and-dinner.cunnamulla.eventbrite.com.au

Enquiries: SWQ Regional Manager, Kerrie Cribb 0418 485 501 [cribbk@agforceqld.org.au](mailto:cribbk@agforceqld.org.au)

\*Any COVID-19 restrictions current at the time will apply to this event