



# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

MAY 2024



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 14th May
- 18th June
- 16th July
- 20th August
- 17th September
- 15th October
- 19th November
- 12th December

## JOB VACANCIES

- Works Supervisor
- Community Support Officer
- Media, Marketing and Communication Officer
- Paveliner Truck Driver
- Local Laws Officer
- Senior Plumbers
- Multi Skill Labourer Operator

EOI's being accepted for

- Traineeships

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

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Get to know your Councillors and their portfolios

Introducing your Paroo Shire elected Councillors – Cr Thomas King, Cr Joann Woodcroft, Mayor Suzette Beresford, Cr Corissa Jackson and Cr Rick Brain.



### External Committees:

- Audit & Risk Committee – Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Jackson
- Vertebrate Pest Advisory Committee – Mayor, Cr King
- RADF Advisory Committee – Cr Woodcroft
- LDMG – Mayor, Cr King

### Councillors and Executive Staff Site Visits

Councillors and Executives will be onsite to meet with the members of the Paroo Shire community for feedback, advice, requests, questions and current issues later this month. If you plan to attend please send queries or discussion points to Bea at [beatrice.todd@paroo.qld.gov.au](mailto:beatrice.todd@paroo.qld.gov.au).

These visits will replace the Council Meetings held throughout the shire.

**Wyandra** – Wyandra Town Hall on Thursday 30th May from 9am to 12pm with morning tea provided

**Noorama** – Noorama Race Track on Monday 27th May from 10am – 3pm with morning tea and lunch provided.

### New Equipment

Council's Parks and Gardens team are happy to welcome the arrival of two new ride on mowers soon being deployed in our open spaces..



## LIBRARY UPDATE

The last few months have been very busy comprising of the following events:

- **Kids Talent Quest** on Saturday the 22nd of March held in partnership with CACH and Keely Johnson.
- In partnership with CACH we hosted **Dance like an Animal** shows on 25th March, with all schools in the Shire attending, as well as Enngonia State School, again in partnership with CACH.
- Jon Williams (pictured right), retired Lieutenant Colonel RFD facilitate some educational **ANZAC workshops** on Tuesday 23rd April. Jon gave a very informative presentation on the Great Escape (This year marked 80 years since the escape where 50 men were executed).
- On Friday 3rd May thanks to HOPE Project, we hosted the **Fabulous Lemon Drops** at the Shire Hall.



Our wonderful friends, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, have invited us to be part of a 15-minute film they are making to celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day, which is held on 4th September. Australia Post are also partnering with them to make one about the journey the books take to get here. We are partnering with both our local schools and Australia Post to make the movie. The film crew will be arriving on Sunday 12th and will be filming on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION – PLANNING FOR THE BRIDGE OVER THE PAROO RIVER AT EULO

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is investigating options to upgrade the bridge over the Paroo River, and its approaches, at Eulo.

TMR would like to invite the communities of Cunnamulla, Eulo, Hungerford, Thargomindah and surrounds to come along and talk to us to share their insights, experiences, and suggestions related to flooding events and how they have impacted on them. We will be at the Eulo Town Hall on 16 May 2024 between 9am and 3.30pm. To book your place, please phone the South West District Roma office on 4622 9511 (Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm). If you are unable to attend but would like to provide us with information about your experiences, please email us on [SouthWest.office@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:SouthWest.office@tmr.qld.gov.au).

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

As our tourist season, starts to really kick off, there are a few great community festivals that you can plan for over the next month or so!

**Music in the Mulga** – back at Wandilla from the 16th to 19th May, Chris Vineburg is playing at Charlotte Plains from May 27th to June 6th. Pack those swags and head out for a long weekend!

**Art and handcraft exhibition** – thanks to Rene Fagan and friends from 10th May at the Visitor Info Centre Cunnamulla Legomasters – this will happen in June – stay tuned for more info!

**Community markets** – coming to Cunnamulla on the second Sunday of each month, starting Sunday 9th June in Centenary Park at 10am

**Cunnamulla and Diggers District Race meet** – 15th June for the Ladies Pink Race Day.



# THE OUTBACK RIVER LIGHTS FESTIVAL

As the lights fade on The Outback River Lights Festival of 2024 we want to thank the community for their involvement, creativity, and innovation. In its third year, the festival has exceeded expectations, illuminating our little part of the Australian outback with a dazzling display of lights, art, and cultural celebration.

Visitors came from far and wide, and were amazed at our festival, our town and our community. The usually quiet riverside landscape and town turned into a vibrant mix of colour and energy. From the lantern making, live music, arts workshops and beautifully lit town, the event showcased the rich diversity and heritage of the region, culminating in a spectacular light and fireworks display.

What sets the Outback River Lights Festival apart is its commitment to including the community, fostering a sense of pride and ownership of the event. Our community groups, schools, market stall holders, businesses, council and individuals all came together to make the event what it is.



## CUNNAMULLA COMMUNITY ADVISORY NETWORK

The Cunnamulla Community Advisory Network (CAN) is looking for new members! This is a great opportunity to be the voice of your community.

Our CANs provide a unique community and consumer perspective to all aspects of our health service's operation and healthcare delivery. They work as an advisory committee to the Board, provide advice on local health service delivery and are essential partners in the delivery of safe and high-quality care for their communities.

Some of the purposes of the CAN is to:

- Ensure the community shapes the future of health care delivery in the South West HHS;
  - Act as a conduit for the community to provide information to the South West HHS relevant to local health service needs;
  - Advocate, educate and raise community awareness about health issues
  - Enable community feedback on health services provided and service gaps to enable review and consideration of the enhancement of service delivery.
- + Plus much much more

If you would like more information on what the role of the CAN is or who are the CAN representatives, please contact Cunnamulla Hospital Director of Nursing via email

[Cunnamulla\\_DON@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Cunnamulla_DON@health.qld.gov.au)

# SHEPHERD – YOUR LEADERS IN REGIONAL ROADS MANAGEMENT AND DISASTER RECOVERY SYSTEMS

SHEPHERD has been assisting local communities restore flood damaged assets nationally since 2016 with the assessment and delivery of works under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DFRA). We are a Queensland based business and specialise in working alongside rural and remote councils. We are proud of our outstanding reputation for effectively delivering flood recovery programs and our ability to assist councils with disaster recovery management.

The SHEPHERD Team consists of over 70 staff all available to assist Council as required, including engineering professionals with specialist qualifications and experience in civil and structural engineering, asset management, accounting, GIS, and road condition assessment.

Our people have a wealth of first-hand experience and understand the unique challenges of the disaster recovery work. We appreciate the impacts on the local community and Council and seek to use our experience and expertise to provide a quality and timely result.

One of SHEPHERD's points of difference is that we place high importance on the financial management of all our projects and use our proven systems and processes to support funding claims and acquittal processes. We value the long term benefits we can provide to the councils and communities we work with by helping ensure sound financial, risk and asset management principles are considered throughout the project delivery. SHEPHERD has been working alongside the Paroo Shire Council team since January 2024 after winning the contract to provide Flood and Disaster Management Services and taking over from Council's incumbent supplier.

Our onsite team are providing a range of services to restore the Shire's road network including flood damages pick up and submission to the Queensland Restoration Authority, project management and disaster recovery delivery.

We look forward to providing regular updates on restoration works in coming newsletters.

## Thank you for your donation – Cunnamulla Fishing & Restocking Club

Council wishes to thank the Cunnamulla Fishing and Restocking Club for its donation of 6 aluminum picnic tables for use at John Kerr Park. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor caught up with the Fishing Club executive for the handover on Sunday 28th April. The Club has been successful in receiving funding from the Community Gaming Benefit Fund for a number of items and included the tables with a view to providing them for community use at John Kerr Park.

