



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

JUNE 2024



COUNCIL NEWS

Animal Registrations

Animal registrations are coming up for renewal in July so please keep an eye out for these in your letterboxes. If you need to update your pets details you can do so by contacting Council by phoning 4655 8400 or visit us at the CCEC.



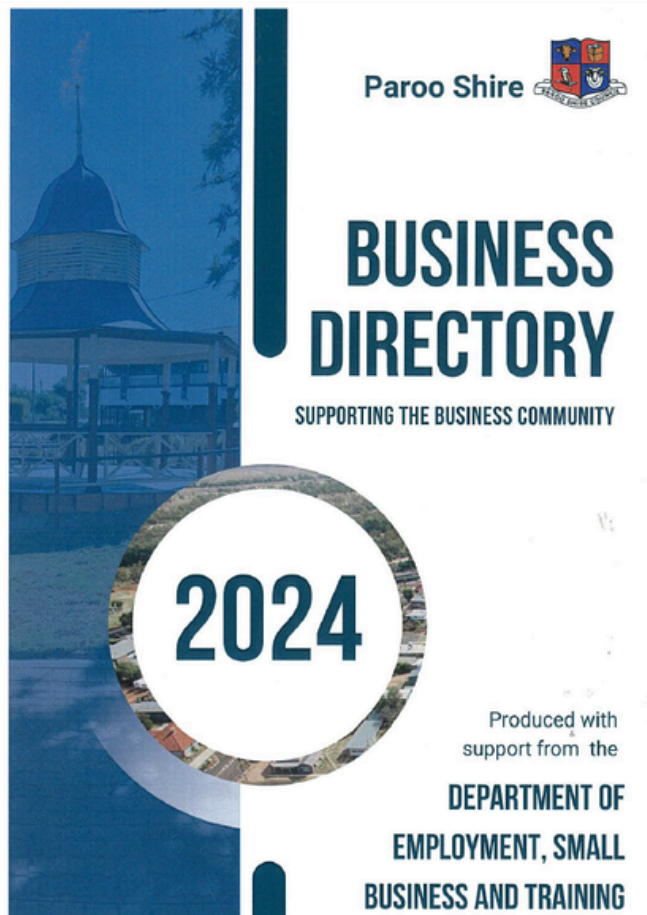
UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

JOB VACANCIES

- Tourism & Events Officer
- Media, Marketing and Communication Officer
- Paveliner Truck Driver
- Local Laws Officer
- Senior Plumbers
- Chief Finance Officer/Accountant
- Multi Skill Labourer Operator

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



Paroo Shire Business Directory

The Paroo Shire Business Directory hit mailboxes from 5th June. Please contact us if you require a copy.

Department of Housing Visit

The Department of Housing will be coming to Cunnamulla to provide Outreach Appointments. These will be happening at the CCEC building on the 10th July. If you are interested please come in or call 46558400 to make a booking.

New Council Staff

Mr Neil Polglase – Interim CEO for approximately a 6 week period. Neil comes with a wealth of knowledge being the CEO of the Murweh Shire Council for a period of 10 years prior to retirement 16 months ago.

Mr Sarmad Habib – Director of Corporate, Governance and Risk – Previously working for Longreach Regional Council

Mr Kerry Jones – Director of Infrastructure – Previously working for Barcaldine Shire Council

LIBRARY UPDATE

May was a real highlight for the library with a visit from our long-time friends the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF), pictured here with the Cunnamulla Fella, as well as Fiona from Australia Post. Thanks to our 13-year long partnership with ILF we were chosen for two very special projects. We can't divulge too much information yet, but all will be revealed towards the end of June. However, the honour that has been bestowed upon us will benefit and showcase our entire community. While in town the ILF also hosted a beautiful dinner where all stakeholders attended.

We continue to have programs 4 days a week, so are very busy immersing our community with our programs.



REMOTE JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – HAVE YOUR SAY!

In February this year, the Prime Minister and Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney announced the Government's \$707 million commitment to a new Remote Jobs and Economic Development program (RJED).

Starting in the second half of 2024 the RJED program will be developed in partnership with First Nations people and initially fund 3,000 jobs over three years. Eligible community employers will be funded to create new jobs employing local people at least at the minimum wage, or applicable entry level award wage plus conditions. Superannuation and leave entitlements will also be provided where applicable.

A Community Jobs and Business Fund will also be an important element of the new program and responds to what communities have overwhelmingly asked for. Employers will be able to apply for funding of capital and equipment to help provide the resources employees need to do their jobs. The RJED program is based on what we heard through consultations in 2023 where we visited over 100 remote communities and heard from more than 2,250 people.

We have now moved into the next phase of program development – testing the proposed design of the program. We are speaking with communities about how the new program should work and what types of jobs they might need. We are visiting 60 regions and aiming to hear from 100 remote communities before 30 June 2024. As part of consultations we want to hear from everyone with an interest in remote employment. A discussion paper on the design and implementation of the program has been published on the NIAA website that people can review and provide feedback through an online survey.

To support the RJED community consults, a weekly Teams meetings will be held along with a planned visit to the south west in mid June. Please contact Tom Atu or Deena Dodd from the Toowoomba NIAA office for any questions or queries. Tom Atu 0428 683 690 / tom.atuofficial.niaa.gov.au and Deena Dodd 0408 745 406 / deena.dodd@official.niaa.gov.au

**HAVE
YOUR SAY
THROUGH
OUR
ONLINE
SURVEY**



Cunnamulla Community Markets

Second Sunday of Each Month
10am to 2pm
Centenary Park Cunnamulla



Sunday:
9th June
14th July
11th August
8th September

Stalls
Community BBQ's
Kids Park and Shade
Visitor Information

Candles and Melts
Handicrafts
Jewellery
Plants
Food
Toys
Art

visitor@paroo.qld.gov.au cunnamullatourism.com.au

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY MARKETS AND QUEENSLAND DAY CELEBRATIONS

This Sunday is the first of the Community markets coming to Cunnamulla on the second Sunday of each month, starting this Sunday 9th June in Centenary Park from 10am.

There will also be celebrations held for Queensland Day at the same time including a BBQ, live entertainment and of course, cake!



Paroo Flood Restoration Project Update

What's happening and where is SHEPHERD working this month?

Each month SHEPHERD will provide the Paroo community with an update on the progress of Flood Restoration Projects and delivery of Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) funded repairs occurring across the region. If we are working in your local area, please feel free to stop, say hello, and make yourself known to our team.

June 2024 Update:

- SHEPHERD has completed comprehensive damages pick up of all newly damaged sites impacted by the recent January 2024 Rain Event. A new submission to QRA is now being prepared to seek grant funding to repair these damages.
- SHEPHERD is currently completing our first QRA Restoration of Damages Project which has been delivered right across the Shire by local contractors for the January 2022 Flood Event. This involves restoration of identified damaged road assets and Council infrastructure to its preexisting condition.
- Multiple betterment sites are being completed on Humbern Road with the upgrade of many previously unsealed floodways to improve resilience and ongoing maintenance with stabilised pavements, concrete edge restraints, and bitumen surface. These betterment improvements have been possible by a shared funding arrangement between QRA and Council.
- Council Crews and Contractors have been undertaking Emergency Works that were identified to make the roads safer after the recent January 2024 Rain Event. These works make travelling the roads safer and more trafficable until an appropriate and approved permanent treatment can be implemented. With the assistance of QRA funding Council will be able to reinstate the damaged roadway back to its pre-disaster condition.
- In the coming month, SHEPHERD will be commencing delivery of a new QRA Restoration of Damages Project for the September 2022 flood event which impacted the entire Shire. Work has commenced on this project with procurement completed and site identifier pegs being set out on impacted roads for delivery of this new project.

Paroo Shire Council Cunnamulla Site Visit

Councillors and Executives will be available to meet with the Cunnamulla community for feedback, advice, requests, questions and general discussions.

WHERE : CCEC - Kookaburra Room

WHEN : Thursday 13th June | 10am

RSVP : to beatrice.todd@paroo.qld.gov.au and include any questions or issues you'd like to discuss



★★★★★ A sparkling gem - New Adelaide Theatre Guide
 ★★★★★ Jenny Wynter is pure joy. My face hurts. - Talk Fringe



CABARET SPECTACULAR



MERCEDES DE LUCA-JONES



JENNY WYNTER

11th July at 6am
 Shire Hall
 3 Jane St, Cunnamulla

Bookings not required



Paroo Shire Council Yowah Site Visit

Councillors and Executives will be available to meet with the Yowah community for feedback, advice, requests, questions and general discussions.

This visit will replace the Yowah Council meeting.

WHERE : YOMCSI Building

WHEN : Monday 10th June | 9.30am - 12pm (morning tea included)

RSVP : to beatrice.todd@paroo.qld.gov.au and include any questions or issues you'd like to discuss



Paroo Shire Council Eulo Site Visit

Councillors and Executives will be available to meet with the Eulo community for feedback, advice, requests, questions and general discussions.

This visit will replace the Eulo Council meeting.

WHERE : Eulo Hall

WHEN : Monday 10th June | 1pm - 3.30pm (lunch included)

RSVP : to beatrice.todd@paroo.qld.gov.au and include any questions or issues you'd like to discuss



NAIDOC 2024

7th of July - 14th of July

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!

BLAK, LOUD & PROUD

SUNDAY - 7th July

WEDNESDAY - 10th July

- NAIDOC March
- Dash for Cash
- Traditional Bread Comp
- Deadly Choices / SWIN Games
- BBQ, Hot & Cold beverages
- NAIDOC Awards

- July**
- CACH Pitstop
- Info Stalls
- Traditional dancing

FRIDAY - 12th July

- Elders luncheon
- 18 + NAIDOC Bingo



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