



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

AUGUST 2024



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 20th August
- 17th September
- 15th October
- 19th November
- 12th December

JOB VACANCIES

Council will be undertaking a recruitment drive commencing mid-late August. Please look out for vacancies advertised on our website and apply for positions that may be of interest to you.

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

Message from the CEO

Well, my first month has flown by, thank you for everyone's warm welcome and hospitality. I have been testing out all the Chicken Parmis in the region and one outside the region in Thargomindah, although I resorted to the steak at Eulo (I will have to come back for a Parmis).

Great to see the well supported events in the region, from the Yowah Opal Festival, to the Markets in Cunnamulla, the Jillaroos show, and the Cunnamulla Raceday to be held on 17 August 2024. All these events assist in supporting the local economy for all residents and businesses. It was great to see Paroo Shire staff recognised for their hard work especially Neil Adams, who received multiple compliments regarding his quality of work and also his friendliness and great assistance he provided to the visitors of the Yowah Opal Festival. Great work Neil!! I recently visited the Cunnamulla Library on a Thursday, and it happened to coincide with the Bingo session. Fantastic to meet the ladies playing Bingo and appreciate the welcome. Congratulations to the winners. While on the library, it is a fantastic facility that I encourage people of all ages to attend as there are activities and items for all ages from the young to the young at heart.

After the Community Consultation sessions, I am currently developing the Terms of Reference for the Rural Advisory Group. Shortly there will be a request sent out for nominations from each quadrant (NE/NW/SE/SW) of the region for representatives from the community to be part of this Advisory Group. The request will include the criteria by which nominations will be evaluated and the skills/experience required. Once nominations have been formally requested and if you are interested in being part of this Advisory Group, please send your nomination through Council@paroo.qld.gov.au

Once again thank you everyone for your welcome to the region, look forward to meeting more of you in due course.

Kind regards.

Scott Osman

PAROO REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Council will soon be calling for applications for RADF funding to assist with Arts & Cultural Projects to be held during the 2024/2025 year.

It is time to start preparing your application. There was strong competition for last year's funding so community members are urged to apply early. Forms are available on the Council's website www.paroo.qld.gov.au or contact Rachael Johnson rachael.johnson@paroo.qld.gov.au if you need more information or assistance.



PAROO FLOOD RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE

- SHEPHERD are currently completing the final delivery of the January 2022 event with only a few treatments remaining due to wet conditions due to the persistent rain.
- SHEPHERD Civil Inspectors have been actively setting out sites for restoration treatments for September 2022 returning them to their original pre disaster condition in preparation for restoration delivery.
- Delivery has now commenced on the QRA funded restoration works for the September 2022 event with contractors now actively working throughout the Paroo Shire Council network.
- Paroo Shire Council has engaged 4 pre-qualified local contractors to undertake these activities and are commencing their activities this month from the following locations.
- Northeast Quadrant on Moruya Narran Road and the Southwest Quadrant on Rywanda Road involves some Heavy Formation Grading.
- Northwest Quadrant will start on Farnham Plains Road and Koomerang Road.
- Southwest will start on Tarko Road with gravel import to replace lost material from rain and flooding.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Cunnamulla Library celebrated NAIDOC Week by inviting the primary schools in our shire to the library. Miss Tammy read an indigenous book from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) Book Supply to the students. Students were then invited to choose FREE books to take home courtesy of the wonderful Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We intend inviting Eulo and Wyandra State Schools to the library to present the ILF books later in the year.

On Wednesday 4th September we will be conducting a Bake Sale in front of the library, to celebrate Indigenous Literacy Day, and raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We will also have our spectacular calendar showcasing our amazing Sunrises and Sunsets on sale that day.

In more exciting news, we have just found out the Library has been successful with an application to have our very own children's book published for our community, by the wonderful Indigenous Literacy Foundation. ILF will work with our community to write and publish a children's book for us that depicts our community.

Publishing costs will be met by ILF with the books being distributed via the Book Swap to our community upon publication.

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Pictured : Our new robo-dog making his very popular debut!

CUNNAMULLA FELLA ROUNDUP

Don't leave town this school holidays because the Cunnamulla Fella Roundup is where the action is! We've got two jam packed days of Rodeo excitement, thrills and spills for the whole family. On Saturday, you can enjoy the barrel racing and roping events starting from 8am, with the Rodeo kicking off from 1pm in the main Arena. There'll be live music, a DJ, licensed bar and plenty of delicious food to enjoy. On Sunday, try your hand at the Cunnamulla Fella Challenge, watch amazing Whip Cracking displays and learn from the best with our whip cracking workshops, test your rodeo skills on the mechanical bull or just enjoy the laid-back atmosphere with good food, drinks and market stalls.

It's all happening on the 21st & 22nd September at the Cunnamulla Showgrounds, Rodeo Tickets are available now from the Cunnamulla Fella Information Centre. This weekend is not to be missed, so mark it in your calendar today!



Snowy AND The Seven Cool Dudes
by A.J. Bailey

JALLY ENTERTAINMENT

Free Event

A family-friendly interactive performance

10:30AM 27TH OF AUGUST SHIRE HALL

A timely piece of live theatre about making better food choices, while keeping kids fit and healthy!

A NIGHT OF COMEDY & MUSIC

The JILLAROOS
Written and Directed by Tarita Botsman

Erika Naddei
Heidi Enchelmaier
Jordan Twigg

TUES AUGUST 13TH 2024
PAROO SHIRE HALL, CUNNAMULLA
6.30 PM FREE

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CUNNAMULLA FELLA ROUNDUP

SAT 21ST AND SUN 22ND SEPTEMBER 2024



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST

BARREL RACES & RODEO, 8 AM TO 8PM

CONCERT FEATURING THE RYAN GILES BAND. FROM 8PM

DJ TILL LATE

* BAR 12 TILL CLOSE * FOOD * MERCH * MARKETS



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND

COMMUNITY FUN DAY AT THE SHOWGROUNDS

MECHANICAL BULL, WHIP CRACKING DEMO AND WORKSHOPS,

CUNNAMULLA FELLA CHALLENGE, MARKETS, MUSIC & FOOD

FROM 10AM TO 4PM

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