



# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

SEPTEMBER 2024



## COUNCIL NEWS

### Message from the CEO

#### Rural Advisory Committee

Later this month Council will be calling for Expressions of Interest from the rural community for representatives to be part of this new committee that will advise Council in relation to broad-based road infrastructure and rural community issues. The Committee will have a strategic focus providing an important forum for identifying region-wide issues and opportunities and advising Council about effective policy and service provision regarding roads and rural related matters within the Shire.

#### Pool Update

Council is currently finalising the contract with the preferred tenderer for the management and operation of the Cunnamulla Swimming Pool. Unfortunately, this will lead to a delay in the opening of the pool with Council endeavouring to have the pool open early October.

#### WQAC Assembly

Paroo Shire Council representatives participated in an enthusiastic and lively session with Olympic champion Natalie Cook OAM at the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils assembly at Mt Isa last week. The discussion was about how the region can prepare itself to benefit from the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games through understanding the strengths and opportunities associated with the games. The theme of this year's assembly was "Future Ready Infrastructure – Enabling Western Queensland to Prosper" – with sessions on topics relevant to all 24 member Councils such as Roads, Digital Connectivity, Housing, Health, Water and the Net Zero future.

Kind regards, Scott Osman



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

## JOB VACANCIES

- RMPC and Road Crew Maintenance Supervisors
- Multi Skilled Plant Operator
- Grader Operator
- Truck Driver
- Water Truck Driver
- Paveliner Truck Driver

Further positions to be advertised this month:

- Senior Plumber
- Wastewater Treatment
- Plant Operator
- Procurement Coordinator

For more info see

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



# PAROO FLOOD RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE FROM SHEPHERD ASSET MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Shepherd will be providing a monthly update on what we are up to with our projects and delivery of Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) funded repairs that may be happening in your area. Please feel free to stop, say hello and make yourself known to our team.

- QRA activities are in full swing with Contractors taking advantage of the great weather for the delivery of damages restorations for the September 22 Event.
- Schmit Contracting is working in the NWQ has commenced restoration activities on Koomarang Road and Farnham Plains Roads with grading activities completed over the coming weeks.
- Schmidt Plant Hire contractors are working in the NEQ and have recently completed restoration treatments on Elmina and Ardgour Roads. They are currently working on Murrumbah Road.
- Tuckwell Transport and Earthmoving are contracted in the SEQ and has recently completed Restoration grading on Rywanda Road. They are currently working in the Talbarea Road area and moving back to complete Kywong, Glentuckie and Amenda Tinnenburra Roads in the coming weeks which had been impacted by persistent rain during the previous delivery package.
- In the Southwest, Russell Grader Hire contractors has almost completed Ningaling Road and is currently working on Warden Road.
- An additional work package was created with Yerrel and Humeburn Roads recently going back out to market. Tenders have closed on 28 August. Tender evaluation meetings are progressing and contracts will be awarded soon.

## LIBRARY UPDATE

Cunnamulla Library celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day on Wednesday 4th September, by holding a Bake Sale out the front of the library, to raise funds for our wonderful partners/friends The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The Bake Sale was overwhelmingly supported by people who baked and purchased goods. The success of the Bake Sale proved how much the community also value The Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Our local businesses donated the most wonderful raffle items, which was drawn on Friday 6th September, and won by Chris Wickham. We are extremely grateful to our community for supporting this very worthwhile organisation. ILF were also overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. Inside the library the Indigenous Literacy Day video was shown to locals, which featured Cunnamulla, as only three locations showcased from across Australia. The link to this will be on the library Facebook page, so everyone can view it. We are very excited about our upcoming Annual Under 8's Spring which will be held the first Thursday of the school holidays, Thursday 19th September. Acrobats from Brisbane will perform and this year our theme is Under the Sea. We are hoping a lot of children will dress up for the fair and we will be awarding some "best dressed" prizes.





## NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE REOPENING

Paroo Shire Council's Youth Support Officer, Jari Branfield-Bradshaw said it was an exciting time for young people in Cunnamulla with the re-opening of the Neighbourhood Centre on Friday 30 August. The Neighbourhood Centre reopening was attended by approximately 40 young people and community members with a free BBQ on the front lawn of the Neighbourhood Centre in Alice Street. Community members were able to have a walk through the facility to see what was on offer to the young people of Cunnamulla.

The Neighbourhood Centre is a safe and welcoming place for young people to hang out, socialise and participate in supervised drug and alcohol-free activities that promote wellbeing and social connection. The Neighbourhood Centre provides a safe environment for our young people to build relationships and address any issues or concerns they may have in a supportive manner. The centre can also host wider support service providers so that young people could discuss personal and sensitive issues, and seek assistance, support and referrals in a positive and non-judgemental environment.



## TELSTRA EXTENDS 3G CLOSURE

Telstra and Optus have announced that they will extend the closure of their 3G networks and conduct a public safety awareness campaign so all Australians know what action they need to take ahead of the shutdown. This will mean all 3G users need to be ready to move to 4G and 5G networks from 28 October. It is critical customers check their devices are compatible with the 4G network, particularly to ensure they are still able to call emergency services. It is also important for users of connected devices like medical monitors, IoT sensors, EFTPOS and antennas to check whether they rely on the 3G network by contacting the manufacturer or supplier.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO JARI!

We are very proud to announce that Jari Branfield-Bradshaw was nominated for and won a Child Protection Week Award. The Seventh Annual Darling Downs and South West Child Protection Week Awards were held in Toowoomba on Monday 9th September. Jari was nominated in category 6 (an individual or team who has made a "significant contribution to a young person's life through partnership and commitment" Government & Non Government) and won against a very strong field of nominees. Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work.

*Congratulations!*





# CUNNAMULLA FELLA CHALLENGE

TAKING NOMINATIONS NOW FOR THE CUNNAMULLA FELLA TEAM CHALLENGE SUNDAY 22ND SEPT @ 11AM

ENTER A TEAM OF 4 TO COMPETE FOR CASH PRIZES

WHIP CRACKING | MECHANICAL BULL | TYRE FLIP | NERF GUN RIFLE RANGE | ANIMAL HUSBANDRY EATING CHALLENGE

OPEN TO ADULTS & KIDS - ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

PRE-REGISTER YOUR TEAM AT THE VISITOR INFO CENTRE OR REGISTRATIONS TAKEN ON THE DAY



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## Under 8's Spring Fair

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER  
9AM - 12PM  
PAROO SHIRE HALL

INCL. FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE THANKS TO CACH!



## RADF ROUND 1: YOUR CHANCE TO SHINE IN THE ARTS!

The Paroo Shire Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is thrilled to announce that Round 1 for 2024-25 applications is now open! Running from August 30 to September 27, 2024, this fund, a partnership between the Queensland Government and Paroo Shire Council, supports local arts and culture projects.

Whether your project involves art, craft, culture, or innovation, RADF can help bring your vision to life. We encourage you to consult with our RADF Liaison Officers, Rachael or Maaneha, or RADF committee members for guidance before applying.

Apply early to increase your chances of securing funds.

For assistance, contact us at [Community@paroo.qld.gov.au](mailto:Community@paroo.qld.gov.au) or call 07 4655 8400.

Don't miss this opportunity—apply now at [paroo.qld.gov.au/radf](http://paroo.qld.gov.au/radf).

