



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

NOVEMBER 2024



COUNCIL NEWS

Message from the CEO - Neil Polglase

On the 21-23rd October Mayor Beresford, Deputy Mayor Brain and I attended the 128th annual LGAQ conference in Brisbane.

At this conference there was some 116 motions debated resulting in 109 resolutions in relation to Federal & State Government Policy, Legislation and Funding seeking better outcomes for Local Government.

Both the current and previous Premiers Crisafulli and Miles with the now Minister for Local Government, Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers Hon Ann Leahy MP were in attendance showcasing their election campaigns.

I congratulate the newly elected Government and look forward to working closely with all Ministers to achieve positives outcomes for our communities.

TOURISM UPDATE

End the Year with Art, Fun, and Festivities in Cunnamulla!

As 2024 winds down, Cunnamulla is still buzzing with events and celebrations. Kathleen Daly's Art Exhibition is a must-see! Join us at 6 pm on Friday, 15th November, at the Visitor Information Centre Gallery for the final exhibition of the year. It's a last chance to explore and take home some incredible local artwork before the season ends.

Get Ready for Christmas Celebrations

The holiday season is coming alive with festive events across town! Look out for the Fishing Club, Bowls Club, and Gun Club's Christmas gatherings throughout November. Check the Cunnamulla Tourism Events Calendar and Weekly What's On Guide to stay in the loop! Local businesses may be adjusting hours for the holiday season, so keep an eye on Facebook for any updates.

Shop Local for Christmas Gifts

We have plenty of great shops in town for Christmas gifts, there is guaranteed to be a present for everyone and you can always get a gift card for those difficult to buy for people!

Save the Date for an Exciting 2025 Season

The 2025 tourism season kicks off with some spectacular events you won't want to miss. Mark your calendars for The Great Outback Treasure Hunt, Outback River Lights, Noorama Races, Eulo Gymkhana, and QLD Music Trails—all set to make next year unforgettable. Get ready to immerse yourself in the vibrant outback spirit and start planning now for a packed year of adventures in Cunnamulla and beyond!

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 19th November
- 12th December

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DATES

- Noorama - 25th November
- Yowah and Eulo - 27th November
- Wyandra and Cunnamulla - 26th November

JOB VACANCIES

- Road Crew Maintenance Supervisor
- Operations Manager Coordinator

For more info see

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

COMMUNITY VISITS

Councillors and Senior Council Staff will be again taking the opportunity to travel around the region and meet with locals in Noorama, Eulo, Wyandra, Yowah and Cunnamulla.

Sessions are scheduled for the following times

TOWN	DATE	MEETING TIME	LOCATION
NOORAMA	MON 25 NOVEMBER	10:00am - 1:30pm	Noorama Racecourse
YOWAH	WED 27 NOVEMBER	9:00am - 11am	YOMCSI hall
EULO	WED 27 NOVEMBER	12:30pm - 1:30pm lunch. Meeting from 1:30pm to 3:30pm	Eulo Hall
WYANDRA	TUE 26 NOVEMBER	10:00am to 12:00pm	Wyandra Hall
CUNNAMULLA	TUE 26 NOVEMBER	5:30pm to 7:00pm	Kookaburra room, CCEC

Morning tea will be provided at Yowah and Wyandra, morning tea and lunch at Noorama, lunch at Eulo and light refreshments in Cunnamulla.

Please email council@paroo.qld.gov.au prior to the meeting with any issues you wish to discuss during the meeting.

FLOOD RESTORATION PROJECT – NOVEMBER UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that SHEPHERD has completed the January 2022 Road Reconstruction Project, funded by the QRA. This work included upgrades to roads, drainage, and table drains, which will make Paroo Shire's local roads safer and more resilient during future rain and flooding events.

Our team has also made strong progress setting up treatments for the September 2022 Reconstruction Project, with about 90% of treatments already mapped out. This ongoing work focuses on returning public assets to their original condition.

Thanks to the hard work of four dedicated contractors, great progress is being made across all quadrants in this September 2022 project. We have reached 45% completion, and everyone is on track to finish by our target date of 30 April 2025.

Update on specific roads:

- Northwest Quadrant: James Schmidt Contracting is currently working on Old Charleville Road, and this project is around 40% complete. James Schmidt Contracting has also been awarded Humeburn and Yerrel Roads, with the goal of completing all work by April 2025.
- Northeast Quadrant: Schmidt Plant Hire is 75% complete with work on Linden Nebine Road.
- Southwest Quadrant: Russell Grader Hire is progressing well, with 55% completion on Pitherty Road.
- Southeast Quadrant: Tuckwell Transport & Earthmoving is working on Gamarren Road and has reached about 16% completion.

As part of our commitment to documenting infrastructure damage for future projects, SHEPHERD is using the RACAS® - Road Asset Condition Assessment System. If you spot our RACAS® camera out in the community, feel free to wave hello! Thank you for your patience and support as we continue this essential work to make local roads safer for everyone.



PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL

Australia Day Awards Nominations

Let us recognise our everyday Australian community members and nominate someone who is giving their time Tell us and services to the community, going the extra mile or perhaps a quiet achiever who is truly making a difference. who impresses you and who you would like to see honoured and acknowledged on Australia Day 2025.

Nominations for the 2025 Australia Day Awards are due by **Thursday, 19 December 2024**.

Eligibility in Categories

All nominees must be a resident of the Paroo Shire at the time of nomination. Nominations cannot be made by an immediate family member of the nominee.

- **Citizen of the Year:** Nominees must be 26 years of age or older as at 26 January 2025.
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** Nominees must be aged between 16-25 years of age as at 26 January 2025.
- **Community or Cultural Event of the Year:** Nominated events must have been held in the Paroo Shire, during the calendar year of 2024.
- **Sports Award (Athlete or Sports Administrator):** Nominees to be recognised for achievements and service throughout the calendar year of 2024.

Selection Criteria

Please consider the selection criteria listed below when completing your nomination and **attach a response that is no longer than 2 A4 pages**. (Supporting documentation may be additional).

- How has the person/event made an outstanding contribution to the local community?
- How is the person an inspirational role model for the community?
- Why do you believe that this person should receive an Australia Day Award?

Supporting Documentation

Supporting documentation may also be provided with your nomination form that you feel will assist the judges in making their decision. Supporting documentation can include items such as personal references, letters, photographs, samples of work, portfolios, articles etc.

Please do not supply originals of supporting documentation, as all documentation will be retained by the Paroo Shire Council.

Judging Process

Nominations will be reviewed by the appointed judging panel. The Judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Award Recipients

Award recipients will be announced at a ceremony during our Australia Day Celebrations on Sunday, 26 January 2025.

Please return the form to and/or for more information contact:

Paroo Shire Council

Phone: (07) 4655 8400

By post: Australia Day Awards
Paroo Shire Council

PO Box 75

Cunnamulla Q 4490

Email: Council@paroo.qld.gov.au

In person: Civic and Community Enterprise Centre (CCEC)
49 Stockyard St, Cunnamulla Q 4490



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Australia Day Awards Nominations

NOMINEE DETAILS			
Full name:			
Occupation:			
Address:			
Locality/suburb:	State:	Post code:	
Phone:	Mobile:		
Email:			
Date of birth:			
Referee contact details:			
Nomination category:	<input type="checkbox"/> Citizen of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Young Citizen of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Community or Cultural Event of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Award (Athlete or Sports Administrator)		

DETAILS OF PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION			
Full name:			
Address:			
Locality/suburb:	State:	Post code:	
Phone:	Mobile:		
Email:			

I have attached my response to the selection criteria (maximum of 2 x A4 pages).

I have informed the above nominee and they accept the nomination.



Signature



Date

The Information collected in this form will be used by Council for a lawful purpose directly related to the functions and activities of the Council. Your personal details will not be disclosed to a third party outside the process of dealing with your nomination, except where required by legislation (including the Right to Information ACT 2009) or as required by the Public Records Act 2002.