



# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

NOVEMBER 2023



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 14th November – Eulo
- 12th December – Cunnamulla

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7th Nov – Aladdin and his Magic SmartWatch
- 8th Dec – Cunnamulla Street Christmas Party

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

- Operational  
15 Dec 23 – 9 Jan 24
- Administration | Library | VIC  
20 Dec 23 – 2 Jan 24

## JOB VACANCIES

- Swimming Pool Attendants
- Administration Officer  
Infrastructure
- Multi Skill Labourer Operator

EOI's being accepted for

- Director of Infrastructure  
see [www.paroo.qld.gov.au/  
council/employment](http://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/council/employment) for more

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Cunnamulla Pool

Following the season opening we have been managing maintenance issues and staff shortages. During this time, we have received a number of water quality comments from the community. Please be assured the water is tested daily and is within the water quality guideline parameters and the pool is closed immediately if this falls outside the parameters. We've had to reduce operational hours and are actively seeking to recruit Pool Attendants. Current opening hours and any unexpected closures can be found on the Paroo Shire Council Facebook Page.

### Fierce Advocacy leads to NBN Fibre to the Premise in Cunnamulla

NBN have officially launched the build commencement in Cunnamulla on the 31st October. An event hosted by NBN and Service Stream celebrated the beginning of the build milestone. A delightful Welcome to Country presented by Kunja representative Julie Fox and Smoking Ceremony conducted by Uncle Malcolm Mitchell led the launch. Registration is still open and FREE. Once the build team leave Cunnamulla there will be potential costs and delays associated with connection. There is no pressure to sign up for the paid NBN service, but the infrastructure will be installed free of charge while the build team are onsite. Use the QR code to register your property today.



### It's Gettin' Hot in Here!

As the Cunnamulla Hot Springs construction comes to a close, certifiers have been onsite undertaking their inspections and are preparing the paperwork, while New State Builders polish up the finishing touches and get ready to demobilise. The feeling is surreal, however, each day is a step closer to this amazing asset coming to life. We anticipate at least one Community Open Day of the facility before we open to the masses – Keep your eyes peeled for details of this exclusive event. Existing and developing businesses are encouraged to connect with Paroo Shire Council if we can help you with any preparation or queries as you get ready to welcome the many visitors this attraction will bring.



## LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP TROPHY COMES TO TOWN

One of the best events our community has seen in a long time, the Lexus Melbourne Cup Trophy Tour coming to town in September was enjoyed by all. The streets filled with excitement and colour in the weeks leading into the event which flowed through on the day, with gleaming faces and many taking the opportunity to be 'race ready'. A Gallery display, street parade, live entertainment, a roving \$600k trophy, competitions, a quick trip to the Hospital, Cunnamulla Fella, Racecourse, and various locations filled the exciting day. The celebrations concluded with the Sportsman's Dinner and Auction at the Club Boutique raising valuable funds for the Cunnamulla & District Diggers Race Club and Noorama Race Club. A heartfelt thank you to all who participated and especially those who gave their time to assist on the organising committee, shared items for the gallery display, travelled long distances to be present and share stories, represent themselves or their family's racing history. For the full gallery of photos taken see -

<https://simplxgroup.pixieset.com/cunnamullamelbournecuptour/>

Winning a spot on the Lexus Melbourne Cup Trophy Tour came with an added bonus... At the time of application we were requested to nominate a charity, later to be used in a Barrier draw for the Melbourne Cup race. Should the horse from the chosen barrier win, Royal Flying Doctors Service (Qld) will have a donation of \$50,000 coming their way. Bea Todd was nominated as the representative to participate in the draw, accompanied by 23 other Australia wide participants, which took place on Tuesday 31st October 2023 by Zoom link facilitated by Victoria Racing Club. By random draw Barrier 21 was selected for Cunnamulla. Paroo Shire CEO and Bea Todd will travel to be present on Race Day and collect the cheque should the horse from Barrier 21 win the Melbourne Cup.



## NEW TOILET BLOCKS ARE ON THE WAY

Three new amenities blocks will be established over the Shire in the coming months. Bob Poncho Park and Tom Fagan Park toilets are currently in preparation for renewal as the current facilities do not provide for all ability access, while a new amenities block will also be erected in Centenary Park.

## PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL LIBRARY SCORES BRONZE IN QLD PUBLIC LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AWARD

A wonderful accolade for the Cunnamulla Library recently receiving the bronze award in the Queensland Public Libraries Association - Local Government Authority Award. The Gold and Silver awards went to much bigger regions and libraries including Townsville and Noosa. The library also received \$500 prize money with the award. A wonderful achievement for Tammy and our community - congratulations!



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2024

It's time to nominate for Paroo Shire Australia Day Awards! 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.

Categories for nominations include:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community or Cultural Event of the Year
- Sports Award (Athlete or Sports Administrator).

Nominees must be notified and accepting of the nomination prior to being nominated. For more details and the nomination form see

<https://www.paroo.qld.gov.au/community/australia-day>