



# PAROO SHIRE COUNCIL MONTHLY UPDATE

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

DECEMBER 2023

*Merry Christmas*

## COUNCIL NEWS

### Council Elections and Caretaker Mode

Elections will be on 16th March 2024 – official Notice of Election will be issued on 29 January 2024 which is when the caretaker mode begins.

### Water Restrictions

Council will be monitoring water restrictions with the maintenance of bores over the last couple of months has caused low water pressure. Please check your allocated days to water and refrain for watering outside these days and times.

The **north side** of Emma Street can water Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, while the **south side** of Emma Street can water Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Sprinklers can only be used from 5am - 10am and 5pm - 10pm on these days. Fines may be incurred.

### Infrastructure Operations & Maintenance Work Updates

- Inspections of Main Roads and the Council road network were conducted
- Contractors carried out line marking in Cunnamulla
- One of the roadworks crews has commenced construction work on the Jobs Gate Road under the TIDS program
- Premix and pothole patching to various Cunnamulla town streets
- Work continues on the Cunnamulla landfill site in preparation for the installation of bays to separate the different waste streams as the site transitions into a managed transfer station
- Topdressing of the playing field at John Kerr Park has been carried out as part of the yearly ground improvement schedule and means the playing surface was closed and re-opened Friday 1st December.

### School Holiday Program

The Neighbourhood Centre will be open from 10am - 1pm and then from 2pm - 5pm on weekdays and from 6pm - 9pm on Friday nights with the exception of the Council Closure period. The Multicourts and Swimming Pool will also be open during the school holidays with the exception of notified closure dates.

### Cunnamulla Pool Update - expected re-opening 6th December

Please be advised the Cunnamulla pool is currently closed due to a significant mechanical breakdown. At this stage it should reopen on Wednesday 6th December, however if the repairs are completed before then, we will open earlier. This was unavoidable and we apologise for any inconvenience. Should you have any questions or issues, please direct them to Council on 07 4655 8400 or [council@paroo.qld.gov.au](mailto:council@paroo.qld.gov.au)



## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 12th December - Cunnamulla

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8th Dec - Cunnamulla Street Christmas Party & Markets
- 21st Dec - BBQ @ Pool 5.30pm

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

- Operational  
15 Dec 23 - 9 Jan 24
- Non-Operational  
20 Dec 23 - 2 Jan 24

## JOB VACANCIES


- Administration Officer  
Infrastructure
- Multi Skill Labourer Operator

EOI's being accepted for

- Director of Infrastructure

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# OUTBACK RIVER LIGHTS 19TH - 21ST APRIL 2024

Planning is underway and we are only about 4 months away!

Are you ready for the Outback Riverlights Festival coming up? It will be an incredible event with some old favourites like the fire twirlers, lantern making, lantern parade and some great musical talents. But there's some new events this year with free concerts, arts competitions, light up your garden and a special Riverlights finale that's bringing the magic of lights and celebration right to our doorstep! Imagine the stunning beauty of Outback Cunnamulla coming alive with a spectacular display of lights, music and cultural festivities, and real taste of Cunnamulla lifestyle.



This festival is all about embracing our unique Outback identity and celebrating it in style. From dazzling light shows to cultural performances that showcase our rich heritage, the Outback Riverlights Festival is a chance for us to come together, share some laughs, and create unforgettable memories under the Outback stars. So, grab your mates, invite your friends and family, pack a picnic, and get ready to immerse yourself in the beauty of our own backyard. It's a real opportunity to celebrate our community, our culture, and the true spirit of the Outback. Let's make this festival one to remember and show everyone why Cunnamulla is the heart of the Outback! Cunnamulla's Outback River Lights Festival: Immerse Yourself in a Symphony of Lights, Music, and Arts.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION



An electric vehicle charging station is now fully operational in Cunnamulla, on Stockyard Street. The charging stations are available thanks to the efforts of the State Government and Yurika in rolling out this opportunity to our region and Shire.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Christmas can be a tough time for many, if you need help here's some numbers to call:

- Emergency 000
- Kids helpline 1800 551 800
- Lifeline 131144
- Beyond Blue 1800555677
- Headspace 1800 650 890

## NEW STAFF

**Kathleen Daly** has started at the Library. Kat comes to us with a wealth of experience, having previously worked at Cunnamulla State School for 4 years. She holds a Cert III in Education Support as well as an abundance of hands-on experience working with children.

**Rachel Robinson** commences in the Community Support Officer role on 27th November. She has moved here with her partner who is working at Kahmoo. Say hello when you see her around.

**Kayce Hooper** – We welcome Kayce to the Reception of the CCEC. Kayce is a local lady who has a young family and is currently studying Business.



Kat Daly



Rachel Robinson



Kayce Hooper

# CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Monday 20th November Cunnamulla Library organised a Kids Christmas Magic Show.

Drace, a Brisbane based magician who has been voted in the top 5 magicians in Brisbane, didn't disappoint! From his humorous Christmas based magic tricks (and dressed in Christmas suit!) he delighted us all. Students, young children, mums, and dads.

Drace had the audience on the edge of our seats when he made a student from each session, float in the air! Over 200 people attended the performance over 2 sessions.

This was a lovely way to end our outreach programs for the year.



## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD - NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5TH JANUARY - NOMINATE NOW!

Australia Day Award nominations are currently open, and will close on 5th January 2024. Nomination forms can be found on Council's website or you can pick up a nomination form at the front office of the CCEC.

Simply fill the form in and drop into Council or email to [ceo@paroo.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@paroo.qld.gov.au).

Australia Day celebrations at the Cunnamulla Pool will include Breakfast of Champions at 8am, Australia Day Awards, 100m swimming race (start training!), 200m medley relay (get your teams ready), Childrens games and activities.



**PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES:**  
**GOLD SPONSORS:** Wildflowers Cafe, Outback Grazing Co, Cunnamulla Post Office, Cunnamulla Coffee Shop, Mills & Sons IGA, Arkwright's General Store, The Retreat, Friendly Grocer, Ashley's Sports n All  
**SILVER SPONSORS:** Cunnamulla Newsagency, Donald Thompson Electrical, NJ Thompson True Value Hardware



# School Holiday Program for December 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>4th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p>	<p><b>5th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM 6PM-8PM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p>	<p><b>6th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 10am – 6pm</b></p>	<p><b>7th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 12pm – 8pm</b></p>	<p><b>8th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 4pm – 9pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 10am – 6pm</b></p>
<p><b>11th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p>	<p><b>12th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM 6pm – 8pm</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p>	<p><b>13th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 12am – 8pm</b></p>	<p><b>14th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM 6pm – 8pm</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 12pm – 8pm</b></p>	<p><b>15th</b></p> <p><b>SWIN COURTS</b> 8AM -10AM</p> <p>Activities will be decided on the day</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 4pm – 8pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 10am – 6pm</b></p>
<p><b>18th</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 8am – 10am 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p>	<p><b>19th</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 8am – 10am 2pm – 5pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p>	<p><b>20th</b></p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Centre</b> 8am – 12pm</p> <p>Neighbourhood Centre – Indoor Activities under Aircon - Age limit 10 and up</p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 12pm – 8pm</b> BBQ \$5.00</p> <p>6pm -8pm no rsvp required – first in best dressed</p>	<p><b>21st</b></p> <p><b>POOL ACTIVITIES AND GAMES</b></p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 12pm – 8pm</b> BBQ \$5.00</p> <p>6pm-8pm no rsvp required – first in best dressed</p>	<p><b>22nd</b></p> <p><b>POOL OPEN 10AM – 5PM</b></p>

Paroo Shire Council closed 3pm 20 December – 02 January SWIN is closed from 15 December – 15 January Pool is closed from 22 December – 29 December