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Diamantina Shire Council

MEDIA RELEASE

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrated in style in Outback Queensland's Diamantina

Locals and tourists alike in Birdsville and Bedourie in Outback Queensland traded in their Akubras and RMs on Monday for tiaras and top hats to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style at the Diamantina Shire Council's first-ever "Diamonds of the Diamantina High Tea".

With 2012 marking 60 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign, the Diamantina Shire Council fittingly hosted twin High Teas in both Birdsville and Bedourie on Monday 11 June at 3pm to honour the momentous occasion. Held as part of the Queensland Government's Big Jubilee Party both events proved a huge success.

In Birdsville more than 100 people gathered outside the historic Old Royal Hotel on the main street for the celebration with the Queen herself even making a surprise appearance. In true Outback style, the Queen arrived on the back of her Land Rover chariot sitting atop a port-a-potty throne and accompanied by a Lady-in-Waiting. Some 180km away in the Shire Council's regional heart in Bedourie locals and tourists glammed-it-up at the Bedourie Outback Visitors Centre.

Steve Baldwin, Tourism and Community Manager for Diamantina Shire Council, was extremely pleased with the attendance in both towns and particularly with the large number of visitors that attended in Birdsville. "Events as significant as this are rare so it is important that we do it well. We were even joined by an English backpacker from London who had been in town for less than half an hour"

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