

JULY / AUGUST 2025

Desert YARNS

Diamantina Community Newsletter





Camel acrobats Emily and Abby Parrot.

Photo: Thiwi Rowlands: Desert Soul Photography

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End of an era - Australian icon Fred Brophy has announced 2025 is the final year that the Fred Brophy Boxing Troupe will visit Birdsville. Fred has been visiting with his boxing tents for 43 years, providing thrilling Outback entertainment for punters during Birdsville Races.



Birdsville Bedourie Betoota



*Betoota Races will kick off the Simpson
Desert Racing Carnival this weekend*



Message from The Mayor

It's almost racing season for the Diamantina with the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival kicking off this weekend in Betoota. Betoota Race Club will be hosting the Queensland Opera for the first time in our Shire, which will be a new experience for many of us, and there will be a Friday night rodeo with all the thrills and spills that come with that.

For the first time, the four-day racing Carnival will have over half a million dollars in prize money for owners and trainers to compete for, which is very impressive. Well done to all the clubs, and I would like to wish all three a successful race weekend. I get a feeling it's going to be one of the best yet.

We will be hosting Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young AC PSM, Governor of Queensland, and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD over the Birdsville Race weekend, which is a great privilege. Apparently, this will also be the last time Fred Brophy's boxing tent comes to Birdsville. If this is true, it will mark the end of an era, so be sure to seize this opportunity to experience this legendary event.



**Mayor
Francis Murray**



From all accounts our July events in Betoota, Birdsville and Bedourie were a great success, with two of those events being staged for the first time. The Betoota Outback Muster put this famously tiny town on the map for unique music festival experiences, while the new Birdsville Camel Carnival was three days of live music, cameleer heritage, and family entertainment. From there, the Desert Champions Way: Outback Camel Trail turned north for the always entertaining Bedourie Camel Races. And on top of all of that, Big Red Bash staged an intimate sand dune concert featuring crowd favourite, John Williamson.

Last week, CEO Julianne and I attended the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils (WACQ) in St George with state and federal politicians from both sides of the political fence. RAPAD mayors had a couple of deputations with state ministers, and we learned that an announcement is soon to be made regarding our road network. It was also announced that Diamantina Shire Council has received \$2.7 million to complete the new Bedourie residential subdivision just north of town, including streets, paths, sewerage, power and water.

Bedourie will be hosting the seven RAPAD Councils this week for the quarterly 'face-to-face' meeting, so if you see the Mayors, CEOs and other delegates around town, be sure to say g'day.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our race meetings. I've polished the RM Williams boots and have my pink outfit ready to go for Bedourie, so to everyone, happy racing season, and if you are a punter, I wish you luck!

Mayor
Francis Murray

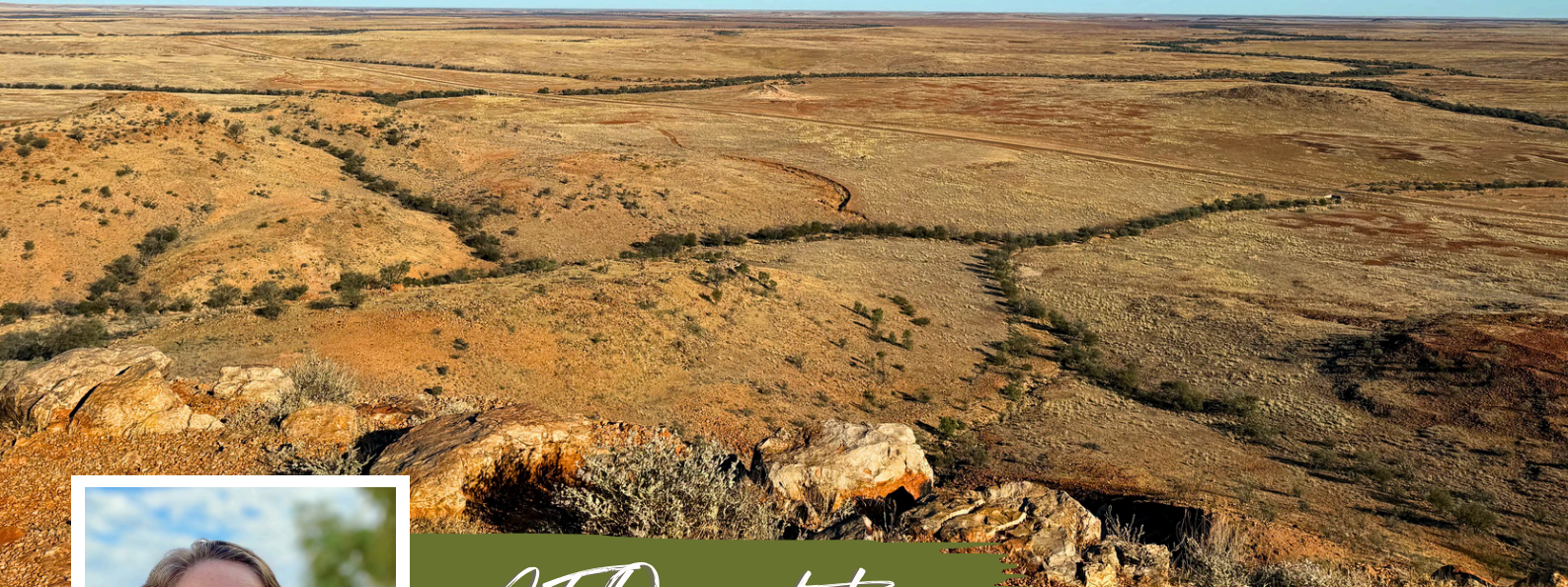


Photo: Channel Seven's live cross from Bedourie Camel Races with S.T.Ruth from the CrackUp Sisters



All seven RAPAD mayors, supported by Deputy Mayors, CEOs, councillors and senior staff, were in St George at the 6th WQAC Assembly last week - stepping up to ensure a strong, united voice from the Central West at this important forum.

Pictured L-R: RAPAD CEO Morgan Gronold, Mayor Francis Murray (Diamantina Shire), Mayor Rick Britton (Boulia Shire), Mayor Rob Chandler (Barcaldine Regional), Hon Brent Mickelberg MP, Mayor Sally O'Neil (Barcoo Shire), Deputy Mayor Jack Neilson (Boulia Shire), Mayor Cathy White (Winton Shire), Mayor Tony Rayner (Longreach Regional), and Deputy Mayor Tina Elliott (Winton Shire).



Julianne Meier
Chief Executive Officer

CEO update

Recently, the Mayor and I travelled to St George for a Western Queensland Alliance of Councils meeting. The meeting brings together Mayors and CEOs from Western Councils, as well as many other delegates from across the state, providing strong networking and advocacy opportunities.

The trip has provided an opportunity to visit many towns and see Western Queensland during a great season, with an abundance of birdlife and wildflowers. On the way home, we called into Betoota and Birdsville with visits to the Betoota Hotel and the Birdsville Bakery!

We spent this week in Bedourie, where we hosted a Regional Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) meeting. RAPAD is an alliance of central west Councils, Winton, Barcaldine, Blackall-Tambo, Barcoo, Boulia, Longreach and Diamantina. Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs from these Councils travelled to Bedourie for the meeting.



During the evening, we treated delegates to an evening at the Cultural Precinct, which consisted of the Bedourie Police Tracker's Hut, laundry and shower block, and Pisé House. Our Creative Content Officer delivered a short presentation, sharing stories about the Bedourie Races of 1888, Mary Dolan-Brodie-Craigie, builder of Pisé House and former owner of the Royal Hotel, and Sergeant Walsh's ride to ensure votes in the first Federal Election of 1901, which was well received by all. Sincere thanks go to our staff who assisted with the planning, venue preparation, and organisation of this meeting.

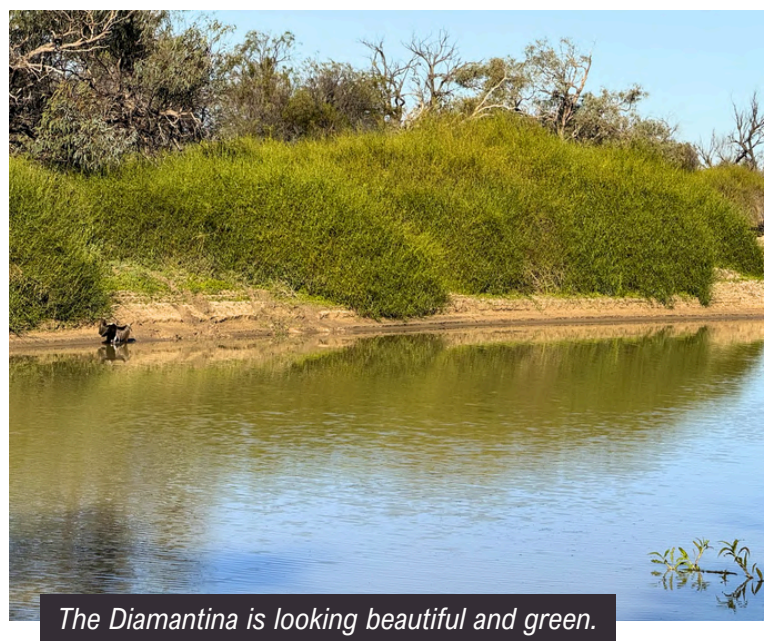
Many of those who attended the meeting certainly noticed the quality of the roadwork when travelling over from Windorah, and we continue to get compliments about the presentation and cleanliness of our towns. These comments represent the work ethic of our teams and the pride they take in their work, as well as their commitment to the community.

Central West Hospital and Health Board held a meeting in Bedourie during the month, which I attended. It was good to meet the board members and discuss some of our challenges. The Board also visited Birdsville, and that meeting was also well attended. We plan to increase promotions of visiting health services in Desert Yarns and on social media to better reach the community with our messaging.

During the month, we also engaged with several local clubs to develop **master plans for community facilities**. These master plans enable a long-term, coordinated approach between Council and clubs, and will assist with funding applications and future improvements. Several consultation sessions were held, and it was pleasing to see such interest from the community.



Pisé House (Mud Hut), built in 1896 by pioneering businesswoman Mary Brodie, stands as one of Bedourie's oldest surviving buildings.



The Diamantina is looking beautiful and green.



If you have some spare time, please consider volunteering for one of our clubs during the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival - it's a lot of fun and a great way to show your community spirit.

As a small local government, one of our priorities is to maximise funding opportunities. Council has been successful in a funding application to construct roads and footpaths in Bedourie township, which will activate land for 30 new residential housing lots.

Markets were held during the month in Bedourie, and I've noticed we have some keen golfers in the community as well. Next week, I'm looking forward to spending some time in Birdsville in the lead-up to the Birdsville Races.



The Bedourie Golf Course was the perfect backdrop for some of the team to enjoy a friendly game of golf and time together.

Our staff communications have been lacking, so recently we started a Staff Newsletter, which we plan to issue fortnightly. We've managed two editions so far and are hoping to receive some feedback and good stories from our teams to include in future editions. A big thank you to our marketing team.

It is pleasing to see our staff taking an interest in supporting the local SES, as it is so important for our community in times of need. For anyone wanting to become involved but has doubts, please reach out, and I can put you in touch with the right contacts to discuss it further.

The racing season is almost upon us, and I'm sure our clubs will welcome your support if you'd like to volunteer your time to assist. Committee members and volunteers undertake a considerable amount of work to bring these events to fruition, so we are incredibly grateful for the work you do behind the scenes to bring these events to our communities.

Volunteering can be both fun and rewarding. I'll be in Betoota this weekend, volunteering at the races, so I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Our communities will be pretty busy over the next few weeks preparing for race meets in Betoota, Birdsville and Bedourie, and I'm quite excited as this will be my first opportunity to attend these meets.

Until next month, stay safe and be kind to one another!

Julianne

Meier
Chief Executive Officer

Saddle up for the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival

29–30 August
Betoota Rodeo & Races
ft. Opera Queensland

3–6 September
Birdsville Races
& Town Event

12 September
Bedourie Races

Mayor's Message: Delivering for Today, Planning for Tomorrow 2025–2026 Budget

Council's **2025–2026 Budget** reflects our continued commitment to responsible financial management and meaningful investment in the future of our communities. With a total income of \$22.41 million, the majority of funding is sourced from grants and contributions, followed by strong sales and recoverable revenue, with the remainder made up of rates, fees, rental, and interest income. These funds enable us to deliver vital services while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

This year, \$26.36 million has been allocated to operating expenses, with the most considerable portion directed to maintaining and improving our road network, which accounts for 43% of total operational spending. Council has secured funding through contracts with Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and restoration grants from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), bringing additional funds toward major road projects, including RMPC works, flood recovery, and upgrades like Allan Yards. These projects go beyond physical infrastructure; they preserve our lifestyle and create opportunities across our towns.

Council is also investing in key areas including community services, housing, fleet operations and essential infrastructure. Internal fleet recoveries have contributed to managing costs and improving operational efficiency. Through careful planning and delivery, we continue to meet the everyday needs of residents while remaining committed to sustainable progress across our region.

Our \$9.66 million capital works program will fund upgrades across the Shire, from water and plant infrastructure to community assets such as halls, airport micro surfacing, housing improvements, and new sheds for sporting and emergency services facilities. We have also allocated funding to support family day care compliance and enhancements.

To continue delivering essential services, Council has approved a 3.5% increase in general rates for residential properties. For most households, this means around \$25 more in general rates, along with moderate increases in service charges. In total, the average increase for most households on a rates notice will be approximately \$92. Rural properties may see changes depending on their rating category, with a cap in place to limit any increase. Council will continue to offer a 15% discount for on-time payments.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors and the Diamantina Shire Council team for their dedication and hard work. To our residents, thank you for your continued support. Together, we remain focused on sustainably developing the outback - building a stronger future, one project at a time.

Mayor Francis Murray





A Show-Stopping Outback First—Opera Queensland to Perform at the Betoota Races

Opera Queensland will take centre stage at the 2025 Betoota Races on Saturday, August 30, bringing a one-of-a-kind musical experience to the tiny outback town in an exciting cultural first.

Brought to the region as part of Opera Queensland's 2025 regional tour, their latest production, *All Together Now!*, is a feel-good performance that blends the best of opera classics with pop hits, folk favourites, and iconic Aussie anthems. Designed to unite communities through song, the Opera Queensland production encourages everyone—regardless of age or background—to sing along and soak up the joy.

President of the Betoota Race Club, Kerry Morton, said the club was extremely excited to partner with Diamantina Shire Council and Opera Queensland to bring a world-class arts experience to one of Queensland's most remote race meets. Diamantina Shire Mayor Francis Murray echoed the excitement, saying the performance reflects Council's ongoing commitment to community connection and cultural enrichment in the bush.

"It's not every day you get to experience the magic of opera under the vast outback sky. This partnership is a great example of how we can bring people together in new ways while celebrating everything that makes remote Queensland unique," Mayor Murray said.

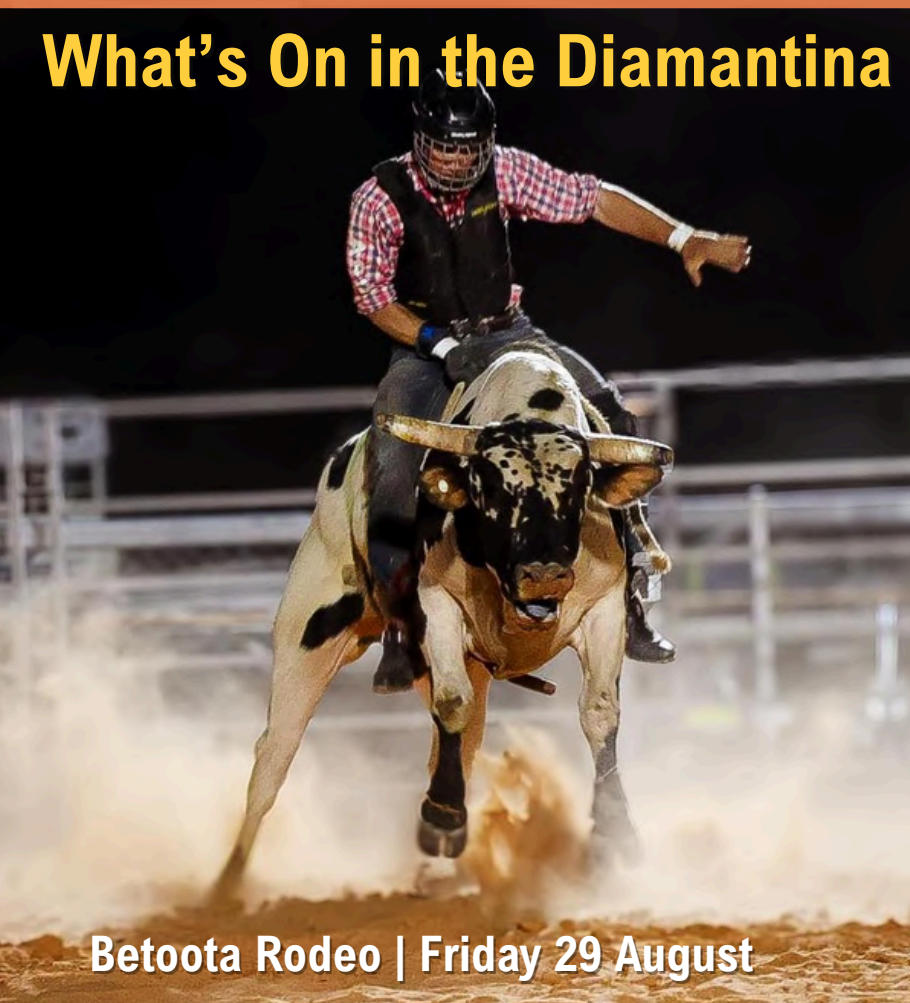
All Together Now! will be held at the Betoota Racecourse on the Saturday afternoon after the races. Don't miss your chance to be part of this truly special music, community, and outback hospitality.

Event Details: Betoota Racecourse, Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Get Tickets at www.eventbrite.com.au



What's On in the Diamantina



Betoota Rodeo | Friday 29 August



Betoota Races | Saturday 30 August



Opera Queensland | Saturday 30 August



**The Hillbilly Goats Live
Friday 29 & Saturday 30 August
Betoota Hotel**



**Birdsville Race Week
Wednesday 3 September - Sunday 7 September**



**Bedourie Markets
Friday 12 September
Community Hall**



**Bedourie Races
Saturday 13 September**



BETOOTA RACES & RODEO



CONTACT: BETOOTARACECLUBINC@GMAIL.COM



5 RACE CARD | FRIDAY NIGHT RODEO | CALCUTTA | BAR
& CANTEEN | CAMPING AVAILABLE | FASHIONS ON THE FIELD |
DJ FRI & SAT NIGHT | ICPA AUCTION | BARCOO COFFEE |
JOCKEY & TRAINER REBATES

29 & 30 AUGUST 2025

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Get ready to kick off Saturday night at the Betoota Races like never before!

From 5.30pm, Opera Queensland is hitting the red dirt stage for the very first time at a western race meet! **All Together Now!** fuses opera classics, pop hits, folk tunes, and Aussie anthems in a feel-good show that brings people together through the power of song.

Grab a drink, find your spot, and warm up those vocal cords — this is your Saturday night pre-party with a twist.

Betoota Rodeo & Races

The countdown is on for one of Outback Queensland's most iconic weekends – the 2025 Betoota Rodeo & Races!

Friday 29 August – Betoota Rodeo + Friday night party under the stars!

Saturday 30 August – Back a winner at the first race meeting of the Simpson Desert Carnival, plus Fashions on the Field, raffles, calcutta & all the outback atmosphere you love.

Gather your crew, and get in quick!!

Get tickets: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2025-betoota-rodeo-races-tickets-1355983245389

Follow **Betoota Race Club Inc.** on Facebook for event updates.





The Cup Parade is back for the 2025 Birdsville Races!

Thursday 4 September 2025
Starting from 3:30pm

The Parade will begin at the Wirrarri Centre and finish at the **Birdsville Hotel**.

It's your best chance to get to see the TAB Birdsville Cup up close ahead of the race weekend.

Find out more about the daily program for race week here: birdsvilleraces.com/program-of-events

Start your race weekend the fun way with the RFDS Fun Run!

Join us for a morning jog through the Outback while raising funds for the amazing work of the **Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia**.

Thursday 4 September from 8:30am

Walk, jog or run - all ages and abilities welcome

Theme: Birdsville Beachgoers

Prizes and rewards up for grabs.

Find out more and how to register at:

birdsvilleraces.com/other-activities/fun-run



JOIN US AT THE HOTEL FOR
FOUR DAYS OF MUSIC!

Free live entertainment during the 2025 Birdsville Races



**Mick
Lindsay**



**Tammy
Moxon**

**4-7
Sept
2025**



**Caitlin
Drew**



**Riley
Young**



**John
O'Dea**

Quality meals paired with ice cold drinks
accompanied by live entertainment
await you at the Birdsville Hotel.





Ready to strut your stuff at the 2025 Birdsville Races?

First up on Friday, 5 September, we'll be awarding the Best Dressed Novelty Attire with our Novelty Fashions on the Field.

For the fashionistas, it's time to prepare your outfits for the runway with our Fashions on the Field Events on Saturday, 6 September! There are four categories with prizes up for grabs; Best Dressed Lady, Best Dressed Gentleman, Best Dressed Family & Best Millinery.

Don't miss your opportunity to pose on stage at the Fashions on the Field in 2025. A fun event for the whole family and the chance to win some amazing prizes. Learn more at:

birdsvillerraces.com/fashions-on-the-field

SPORTING LEGENDS DAY

On Wednesday, 3 September, Birdsville will be treated to two unmissable sporting Q&A events in town!

Australian cricket hero Doug Walters and legendary jockey Malcolm Johnston will be live on stage at the Birdsville Hotel chatting about their glory days.

Get involved in the raffle and auction for your chance to win some incredible signed Australian sporting memorabilia that every sporting fan will want to win!

FREE EVENT

From 5.00pm-6:30pm at the **Birdsville Hotel**
Wednesday 3 September





Live Q&A Event with Fred Brophy!

On Wednesday 3 September, join us in Birdsville for the final round with Fred Brophy with a live ringside Q&A in the Fred Brophy Boxing Tent!

Hear from Fred Brophy and his Troupe about his 43-year tenure at the Birdsville Races and life on the road. It will be an unmissable night of stories, laughs and more!

Tickets are \$20. There will be limited seating and standing may apply. Get your tickets to this must-see event. at:

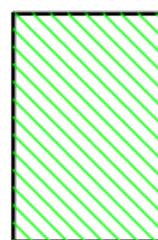
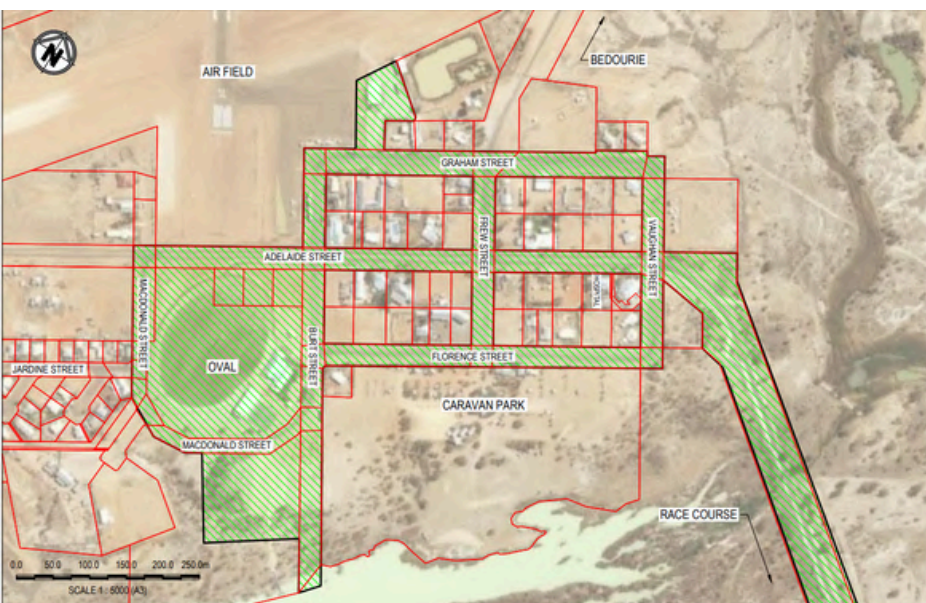
<https://tickets.oztix.com.au/outlet/event/46520058-bdf0-49ea-967e-c50ea283bbc5>

Wet Areas for Birdsville Race Week 2025

Diamantina Shire Council has designated certain places in Birdsville to be 'Wet Areas' where liquor may be consumed during the Birdsville Races period.

The Wet Areas, shown on the maps below (Roads, Town & Town Common), will operate between 10am on Wednesday, 3 September 2025, and 2am on Monday, 8 September 2025.

Signage will be erected to advise the boundaries of the Wet Areas.

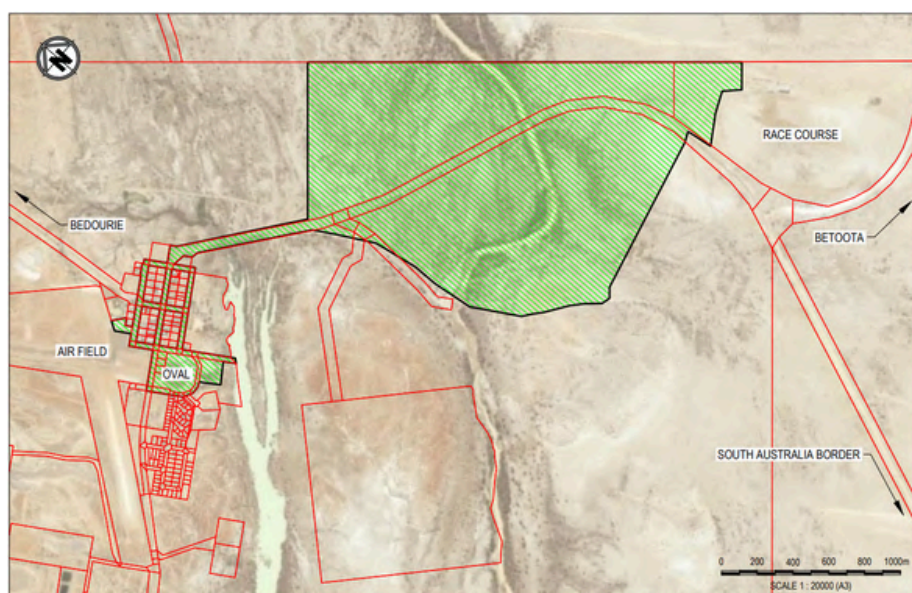


**Designated Public
Places Where Liquor
May Be Consumed**
S173B & S173C Liquor Act

Please ensure your behaviour is appropriate within this area, as Queensland Police and Security will be making regular patrols.

For more information, visit:

www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/news.





BEDOURIE RACE DAY 2025

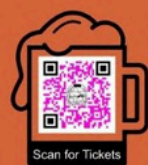
13th September 2025



Grand finale of the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival!
Join us for an unforgettable 6-race program, packed with speed, excitement, and country racing at its best — then party into the night with DJ Belly's Beats pumping the dance floor 'til late!

**GATES
OPEN
11AM**

- Fashions of the Field
- On Site Bookies
- Bar and Cocktails
- Canteen
- \$500 Dash 4 Cash
- Lucky Door Prize
- Auction and Calcutta



Scan for Tickets



Tickets On Sale Now @ OZTIX | Adults \$35 | Kids Free



Bedourie Race Track
First Race 1:00pm

Get Ready for a Big Weekend in Bedourie!

Kick off the fun with the Bedourie Markets from 5:30pm on Friday, 12 September – the perfect way to start the Bedourie Races weekend in true outback style. Enjoy a relaxed evening atmosphere at the Bedourie Community Centre.

Join us for the grand finale of the 2025 Simpson Desert Racing Carnival, the **Bedourie Races** on Saturday, 13 September. Enjoy a full day of racing action, great food, ice-cold drinks, and an unbeatable country atmosphere.

After the last race, dance the night away with DJ Belly's Beats and cocktails at the racecourse.

We're Dressing the Desert in Pink in support of Breast Cancer Research – so wear your best pink, and help make a difference.

Free camping is available in designated areas.

Tickets available at **OzTix**

BEDOURIE MARKETS



**AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Are you interested in a stall?
Call Jodie Girdler on 0428 035 184.
Want to busk? Get in touch with
Katrina Wills on 0439 840 758.

BEDOURIE RACE CLUB

PRESENTS

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD

2025

DRESS THE DESERT PINK

IN PROUD RECOGNITION OF
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Join us trackside for a day of style, colour, and community spirit. This year's theme celebrates turning the desert into a sea of pink – a symbol of hope, strength, and support for those touched by breast cancer.

DRESS TO
IMPRESS.



EMBRACE
THE PINK.

MAKE A STATEMENT THAT MATTERS.



Dress to Impress in Pink!

The Bedourie Race Club is proud to present this year's Fashions on the Field – Dress the Desert Pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. Get ready to dress to impress and embrace the pink for a fabulous day of style, colour, and community spirit!

Categories include:

Best Dressed Young Lady

Best Dressed Pink Lady

Best Dressed Little Lady (under 5yrs)

Best Dressed Junior Lady (6–12yrs)

Best Dressed Junior Gentleman (6–12yrs)

Best Dressed Young Gentleman (under 5yrs)

Best Dressed Gentleman

Best Dressed Pink Gentleman

Thank you to Western Truck Group for generously donating prizes for our lucky winners! Your support makes this event truly shine.

Follow **Bedourie Amateur Race Club Inc.** on Facebook for event updates.

Get Tix



BEDOURIE RACE CLUB

Bedourie Race Club is proudly fundraising for the McGrath Foundation at this year's local race meet, helping to spread awareness and support for those affected by breast cancer.

McGrath
Foundation





Arru! Hello You're invited to our book launch



Anpanuwa Joyce Crombie and
Aulpunda Jean Barr-Crombie
(Two Sisters Talking) invite you to
the launch of their
Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi
language book
'Widlapirna: Swan Woman'

For more information,
please email info@redridge.org.au



Where? Birdsville community hall
When? Friday 10 Oct '25 @ 12pm-2pm
Bush tucker and light refreshments provided

Our Community, Our Stories

You're invited to celebrate the launch of a beautiful new Wangkangurru/Yarluyandi language book by Two Sisters Talking – Anpanuwa Joyce Crombie and Aulpunda Jean Barr-Crombie.

Come along with family and friends to enjoy bush tucker, light refreshments, and join in this special cultural celebration.

📖 Widlapirna: Swan Woman

📍 Birdsville Community Hall

📅 Friday, 10 October 2025

🕒 12pm – 2pm

✉️ RSVP by reply email to info@redridge.org.au
(to help with catering)

✉️ Please share this invitation – everyone is welcome!



Kids Corner

Little Reds Playgroup were lucky enough to go for a walk over to Camel Corner (The Birdsville Oval) and see everything there during the Birdsville Camel Carnival in July! The playgroup children enjoyed a free Ice Cream from the GeeWiz Ice Cream Van, watched the Pig Races. They had a wonderful time hanging out with CrackUp Sister S.T.Ruth and watching a show by Nic Reefman and his Silkwood Wagon.



Birdsville Playgroup

with Khalli Rowlands

Science Week

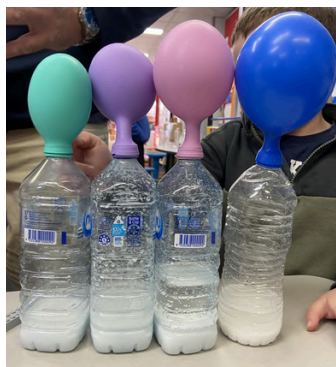
Thursday 14 August 2025

Little Reds Playgroup visited Birdsville School, where we participated in fun activities as part of Science Week. We participated in an activity with Tom from Townsville Cathedral School, where he performed a "Make a Ball" science experiment using Bicarbonate Soda and vinegar, which caused the balloon to inflate by itself. The school also provided morning tea for everyone. Before heading back to Playgroup that morning, Miss Liv conducted a Volcano experiment with the kids, which they loved very much! It was a lovely morning, and we thank the Birdsville State School for including us once again.

Book Week

Thursday 21 August 2025

We all dressed up to go on our walk around the town with the Birdsville State School for the Book Week Scavenger Hunt. We started at the school before making it to the Birdville Clinic for our first clue and book. We walked around to all the other businesses in town, had lunch at the Birdsville Bakery and finished at the Birdsville Roadhouse for a free ice cream! It was a great morning!



Bedourie Library & Playgroup

Update by Lauren Parkinson

Movie night at the library was a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed it. They had fake money and a personalised movie ticket I made for them.

We had lollies and a popcorn machine, which was an absolute hit. Mason Clarke ate his weight in popcorn!

The children sat and watched Despicable Me, and they all watched the whole thing.

The evening was a great success!
Photography by Valeri Fernandez



Thursday morning playgroup with Cammie, she has been loving her painting.



Bedourie Playgroup with Lauren

8.30am to 12pm
Tuesday to Friday
at the Bedourie Hall

For more info email
Playgroup@Diamantina.qld.gov.au

Bedourie State School News

It has been a busy term at Bedourie State School with many visitors from near and far. This year is our 65th year, and we are keen to have as many of the past Staff and Students share their stories for inclusion in a book to mark this special milestone. Please see the flyers for further information.

In addition, we are looking forward to our biannual Bedourie Splash n Arts Camp in October, with a number of opportunities for the Bedourie and wider community to be involved. See below:

Tuesday, October 21 | Live Concert

Join us at the Bedourie Community Hall from 7–9pm for a free event with award-winning artists Larry Cann and the CrackUp Sisters – open to all. Come along and support them and our campers!

Thursday, October 23 | Arts Showcase

Campers will showcase what they have learnt over the three days. Bedourie and wider community, please come to enjoy our talented and amazing outback students. Starting at 7 - 9 pm. Free event, everyone welcome.

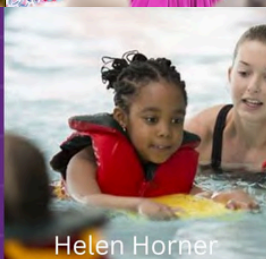
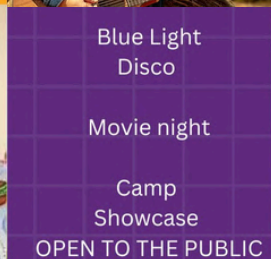
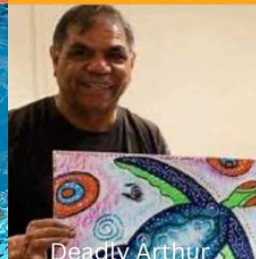
Yours in Education, Danielle Carige | Principal



The flyer features a blue background with a yellow star graphic. At the top, there's a photo of the school entrance with a sign that says 'Welcome to BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL'. To the right, a circular inset shows three children in school uniforms holding white buckets. The main text 'SCHOOL TOURS' is in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below it, a yellow dot is followed by the text: 'We love welcoming visitors to our school! Feel free to drop in anytime during school hours for a look around, have a chat or come to play.' Further down, it says: 'If you would like a more formal tour, please contact us in advance to arrange a suitable time.' A yellow button labeled 'CONTACT US' is followed by the email 'principal@bedourie.ss.eq.edu.au' and the phone number '0436652772 (07) 4746 1224'. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for the 'OUTBACK ADVANTAGE ALLIANCE' featuring a windmill.



LIVE CONCERT - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
ft. Larry Cann and the CrackUp Sisters



Enquiries call: Bedourie State School 4746 1224



The poster features a blue background with a large red and yellow circular graphic at the top. Inside the graphic are three photos: three children in school uniforms holding white buckets, the school building with a sign that reads 'Welcome to BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL Excellence in Outback Education', and a group of five children in school uniforms. The text 'ABC' is written in a stylized font on the left, and a pencil and a globe are on the right. The main title 'BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 65 YEARS! 1960 - 2025' is in large, bold letters. Below it, 'OUTBACK EDUCATION MILESTONE' is written. The text 'We're inviting all past students to share their memories and help us capture the incredible history of Bedourie State School.' is followed by 'Tell us about:' and a list of three bullet points: 'Your time at Bedourie State School', 'Growing up in Bedourie', and 'Life after school—high school, work, family, travels'. A red box contains the submission details: 'Please submit: 1-2 A4 pages (typed or handwritten)', '1-3 photos (school days, growing up, or recent)', and 'Essay, dot points, scrapbook style, or audio (we'll transcribe it for you)'. At the bottom, it says 'All stories welcome—whether you were here for one term or ten years!' and provides submission details: 'Submissions due by: Friday 31 October 2025', 'Send to: principal@bedourie.ss.eq.edu.au', and 'Questions? Contact us at (07) 4746 1224'. There are two logos: 'The Outback Centre Bedourie State School' and 'OUTBACK ADVANTAGE ALLIANCE'.

**BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL
CELEBRATES 65 YEARS!**

1960 - 2025

**OUTBACK EDUCATION
MILESTONE**

We're inviting all past students to share their memories and help us capture the incredible history of Bedourie State School.

Tell us about:

- ✓ Your time at Bedourie State School
- ✓ Growing up in Bedourie
- ✓ Life after school—high school, work, family, travels

Please submit:

- 1-2 A4 pages (typed or handwritten)
- 1-3 photos (school days, growing up, or recent)
- Essay, dot points, scrapbook style, or audio (we'll transcribe it for you)

All stories welcome—whether you were here for one term or ten years!

Submissions due by: Friday 31 October 2025

Send to: principal@bedourie.ss.eq.edu.au

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The Outback Centre
Bedourie State School
Happiness Through Learning

OUTBACK ADVANTAGE ALLIANCE



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1960 - 2025

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**The Chemical Centre
Bedourie State School
Excellence Through Learning**

OUTBACK ADVANTAGE ALLIANCE

Inspiring Queensland's National Science Week Birdsville Visit

We made it to Birdsville – the penultimate stop on the Inspiring Australia Queensland ambassadors' travelling launch for National Science Week 2025!

It was fantastic to share STEM at the iconic Birdsville Hotel – a huge thanks to everyone who came along (some travelled over 100km!) and to the unstoppable Evelyn, who makes dining there a truly magical experience.

On the way, we caught up with Mayor Francis Murray in Bedourie – and extended our thanks to the Diamantina Council for their advice and support. We even managed to take in a sunrise over Big Red, with wildflowers and birdlife putting on a spectacular show.

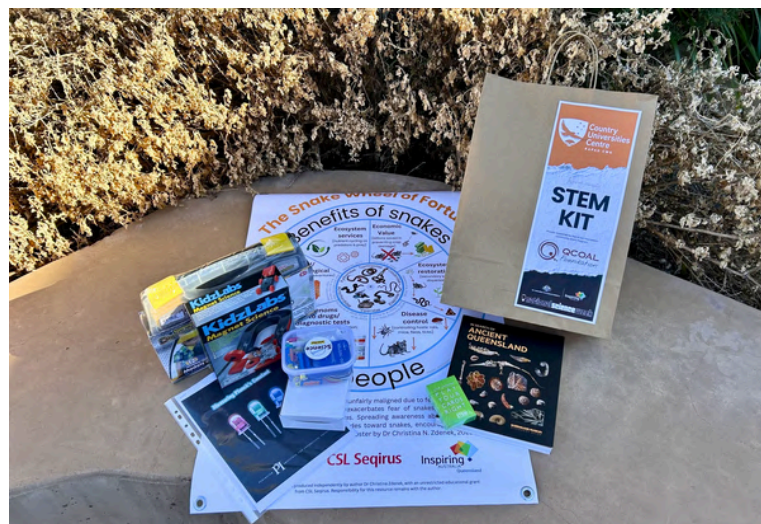
The CUC RAPAD Central West Queensland team joined us to present the QCoal Foundation STEM Kit to the local library. We also had a great visit to Birdsville State School – thank you to Principal Jamie Campbell, teacher Olivia, and all the students for their curiosity and wonderful questions.

A few local highlights we can highly recommend: the Birdsville Bakery (best sausage roll ever!), Karrawa Wirinya Coffee shop for excellent coffee and a gallery stop, and time spent with local Elder and Ranger Don Rowlands, along with Peta, Ashley and Lyn, who shared their knowledge and stories.

There is so much to see and do in this unique part of Queensland – and we're so proud to be bringing National Science Week to the heart of the Channel Country.

— Inspiring Australia Queensland

See more pics at [instagram.com/inspiringausqld](https://www.instagram.com/inspiringausqld)





Arts Opportunity for Ages 5-14 Years

The 2026 Children's Art Project and Exhibition is calling for artworks from children across the RAPAD region. The artworks will be exhibited from March 2026.

Drawings, paintings or collages can be created on A4 paper on the themes:
Tell us what makes your town great?
What do you love about living Outback?

For more information, contact:
karens@matildacentre.com.au

The Children's Art Project & Digital Exhibition is sponsored by The John Villiers Trust and supported by Winton Shire Council, Outback Futures and Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD).

Poster Artwork: 'Country' by
Stella McKerrow Aged 9

Western Qld Flooding: Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants

Support is now available to primary producers impacted by the Western Queensland Floods Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant of up to \$500,000 to rebuild damaged or destroyed exclusion and cluster fencing infrastructure and help contain and protect surviving livestock. This program is being delivered in partnership with RAPAD throughout our region's eligible Local Government Areas. Learn more at:

<https://rapad.com.au/projects/exclusion-fencing-recovery-program/>





RAPAD is hosting a regional forum in Longreach to bring together a wide range of stakeholders to discuss the Queensland Government's review of the *Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers (GABORA) Water Plan*.

The forum will include presentations from department representatives, independent advisors, and invited speakers with firsthand experience in groundwater management.

The event will help inform RAPAD's submission to the review and support coordinated regional input.

Why attend?

The Longreach forum will provide an opportunity for **graziers, town representatives, Indigenous communities, water-dependent businesses, and policy influencers** to better understand the review process and explore how the region can contribute constructively.

About the GABORA Water Plan review

The GABORA Water Plan, due to expire in September 2027, is undergoing a comprehensive review aimed at supporting sustainable water use across Queensland's western regions. The Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers is seeking public input on issues including managing water resources, improving scientific data, enhancing community engagement, allocating unallocated water, supporting changing water needs and efficient water trading, and protecting water quality and environmental values. Submissions close on 30 September 2025.

Find out more:

www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/mining-energy-water/water/catchments-planning/water-plan-areas/gabora/review

www.rapad.com.au

LONGREACH



Mon 1 Sep 2025



11:30am lunch

12noon - 4:00pm



Venue: TBC



Please register to assist with planning & catering at the below link or scan the QR code:

bit.ly/GABORA-Forum



Contact:

Morgan Gronold
mbgronold@rapad.com.au

Venue update will be emailed to registered attendees once confirmed.

Help grow CWQ's arts, cultural and creative workforce - survey now open

A region-wide initiative is putting the spotlight on creative talent and workforce development across Central West Queensland.

The project is focused on building long-term capability and opportunity in the arts, culture and creative industries.

Led by the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD), it is proudly supported and funded by the Queensland Government through Jobs Queensland.

RAPAD hosted community workshops across the region in July 2025 to share insights into research and get feedback from people across all walks of life and experience to help drive local solutions to workforce challenges and opportunities in this sector.

During the workshop, we explored thoughts around:

- The workforce skills that are emerging or exist for the arts, cultural and creative industries now, and in the future.
- The skills that need to be planned for.
- The support required to attract and keep people to the region and industry, and the strategies that you have seen working.
- Training and education gaps and supports.
- Emerging trends that impact skills needs in the future.
- How best to support, grow and develop local businesses.



Keen to have your say, but couldn't make one of the community sessions?

We'd love to hear from you! Take the **'Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries Workforce Planning Survey'** at:

<https://forms.rapad.com.au/gyo-survey>

For more info, visit the RAPAD website at rapad.com.au



Country Universities Centre RAPAD CWQ

Open to university and VET students, senior high schoolers, lifelong learners and career explorers!

Register via the QR Code below or

<https://form.jotform.com/250317601787862>





Birdsville Welcomes the World: Global Story Circle with Don Rowlands

On the 7th and 8th of July, the Birdsville Community Hall became the stage for a remarkable moment in global storytelling.

Wangkangurra elder and Munga Thirri National Park Ranger for over 31 years, Don Rowlands, hosted the first Cùra Earth Global Story Circle event to be staged in Australia, connecting Birdsville with communities around the world.

Don shared the Rainbow Serpent Aboriginal Dreamtime story and the importance of respecting and caring for Country. The Rainbow Serpent has now become a central story in the **Cùra Earth** project, an international collaboration blending Indigenous knowledge with contemporary environmental science to inspire action on biodiversity loss and climate change.

Joining Don virtually were global partners Sita Kumari, Director of Heartstone representing Cairngorm National Park in Highland Scotland, Dr Donna Beisel, Director of the Rosa Parks Museum in Alabama, USA and Nuala Riddell-Morales, Director of the celebrated Carnaval del Pueblo in London, representing Latin American communities from Colombia, Mexico, Bolivia, Costa Rica, and beyond.



*The Rainbow Serpent — digital illustration by Nick Sidle.
Read the story at curearth.com/the-rainbow-serpent*

The Birdsville Community Hall was proudly provided as in-kind support by Diamantina Shire Council, with further thanks to the Birdsville Hotel, Bruce Air Electrical, Kevin Barr, Snr Sgt Stephan Pursell, and Karawara Wirinya Coffee Place.

This special event was also a highlight of the 50th Anniversary of NAIDOC Week.

Health

and wellness

Our nurse-led clinics in Birdsville and Bedourie manage chronic conditions and emergency care for the local community and surrounding areas.

In an EMERGENCY dial Triple Zero (000)

Bedourie Primary Health Centre

Kepler St, Bedourie.

Call 07 4746 1500

Monday to Friday

9am to 12pm, 2pm to 4pm

CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

See services at centralwest.health.qld.gov.au

Birdsville Primary Health Centre

31 Adelaide St, Birdsville.

Call 07 4564 2400

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Can't get to the clinic during work hours to collect your medications?

Bedourie Primary Health Centre

will now open every Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 10:30am

or call 4746 1500 to arrange another time to collect your prescriptions



BIRDSVILLE PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE

Please note

- There is **no pharmacy** in Birdsville. Please bring enough medication to last your planned trip plus a few more weeks.
- Please complete all your pathology tests prior to your arrival.
- Please travel with your
 - Medicare (must be presented during your visit)
 - Healthcare paperwork
 - First aid kit
 - Dressings
 - Spare batteries for your devices

 31 Adelaide St, Birdsville  07 4564 2400

CALL 000 IN AN EMERGENCY



NWRH | ALLIED HEALTH

Meet our Outreach Clinicians:



TAYLA WHITE
Dietitian



LUCY COOPER
Exercise Physiologist



HANNAH FOSTER
Podiatrist

Upcoming Outreach Visits:

BIRDSVILLE

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2025
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

BEDOURIE

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2025
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Referrals:

NWRH's Allied Health Services are free to people of all ages to improve health and wellbeing. Referrals are accepted from all parties, including self-referral. Please complete a NWRH referral form (available on our website or upon request) and email completed form to referrals@nwrh.com.au

NWRH are also service providers for the NDIS and Commonwealth Home Support Program.

For more information on referral pathways and our health services refer to our website or ask one of our friendly team:

Phone 07 4744 7600 Free call 1800 221 131

VISITING SERVICES

A current referral is required, please speak to your GP. Please confirm your appointment as per the instructions on your appointment letter.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Flying Surgeon

including Endoscopy Services

- 2 September - Longreach
- 16 September - Longreach
- 23 September - Longreach
- 30 September - Longreach

Paediatrician

Dr Anita Cohn

- 8 September - Blackall PM
- 9 September - Barcaldine
- 10 September - Longreach
- 11 September - Longreach AM

Endocrinology

Dr Anish Menon

- 18 & 19 September - Longreach

Cardiologist

Dr Scott McKenzie &

Dr Karthikeyan Gopal

- Telehealth every Tuesday and Friday PM

Flying Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

- 2 September - Longreach
- 16 September - Longreach
- 23 September - Longreach
- 30 September - Barcaldine

Respiratory Physician

Dr Alistair Cook

- 18 & 19 September - Longreach

Indigenous Cardiac Outreach Program (ICOP)

- 17 September - Birdsville
- 18 September - Bedourie
- 19 September - Boulia

Paediatric Indigenous Respiratory Outreach Care (IROC)

- 22 September - Longreach PM
- 23 September - Barcaldine
- 24 September - Longreach AM

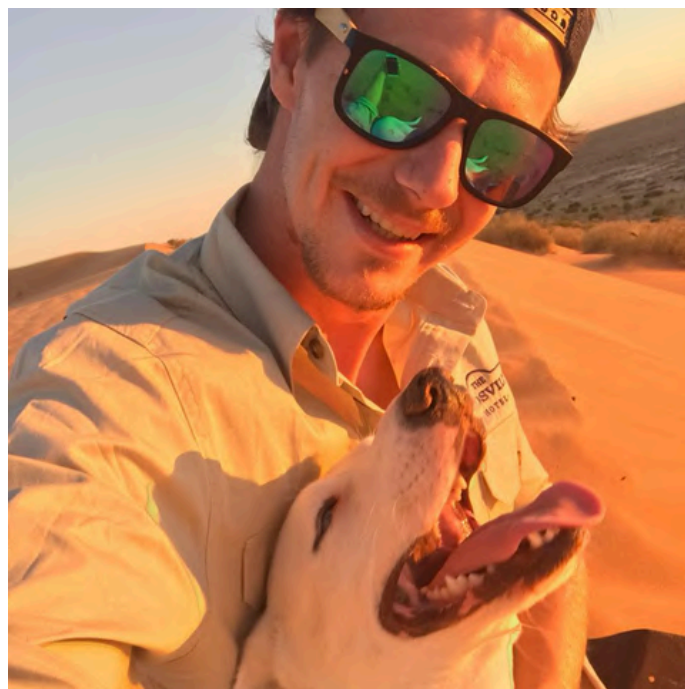
Congratulations Joel Blyth, who has stepped into the role of Birdsville Town Services Supervisor!

To those who don't know me, my name is Joel and I have been a resident of Birdsville for the past 9 years. I first came to lil old Birdsville on a stint from Innamincka with a little Suzuki Jimny and a small handful of belongings. After 9 years, I am still more in love with our little community than I have ever been. The challenges/obstacles, memories, growing family and good times are all part of my Birdsville adventure, and I am excited to call Birdsville home.

I remember one of my first trips to Birdsville was coming up the Cordillo track, and we had been caught up in some pretty wet holes... At one point, I remember using old wine and a couple of beers that I had stored in a box to wash my windscreen as I had run out of washer fluid... I could not see a thing, but we poked along, heads out the window, and made it seven odd hours later. What an adventure! I had the thought of "What the heck am I doing?" a few times. Since then, I have never looked back and now have a community I call family with many memories and too many adventures even to remember.

Moral of the story... Never give up and always store a bottle of wine, as you will never know when you might need it, haha.

The team has been working hard over the last couple of weeks getting town ready for the upcoming races across Betoota, Birdsville, and Bedourie with many projects on the go. I have always said every problem has a solution; sometimes, we may need to think outside the box a little and roll with the obstacles.



I welcome any constructive feedback in areas that our community would like to talk about from a town services point of view, and while we may not be able to say yes to all, we will certainly give it a good ol' crack and try our best in all areas.

Shout out or give myself and the team a toot and wave as you pass by. Please don't hesitate to contact me via email, Joel.Blyth@Diamantina.qld.gov.au, or a member of the team for any questions or queries, and I look forward to seeing you all out in the field over the coming weeks. - Joel Blyth



Join the Team!

We are Hiring:

Multi Skilled Plant Operator

(Level 5)

Grader Operator

(Level 6)

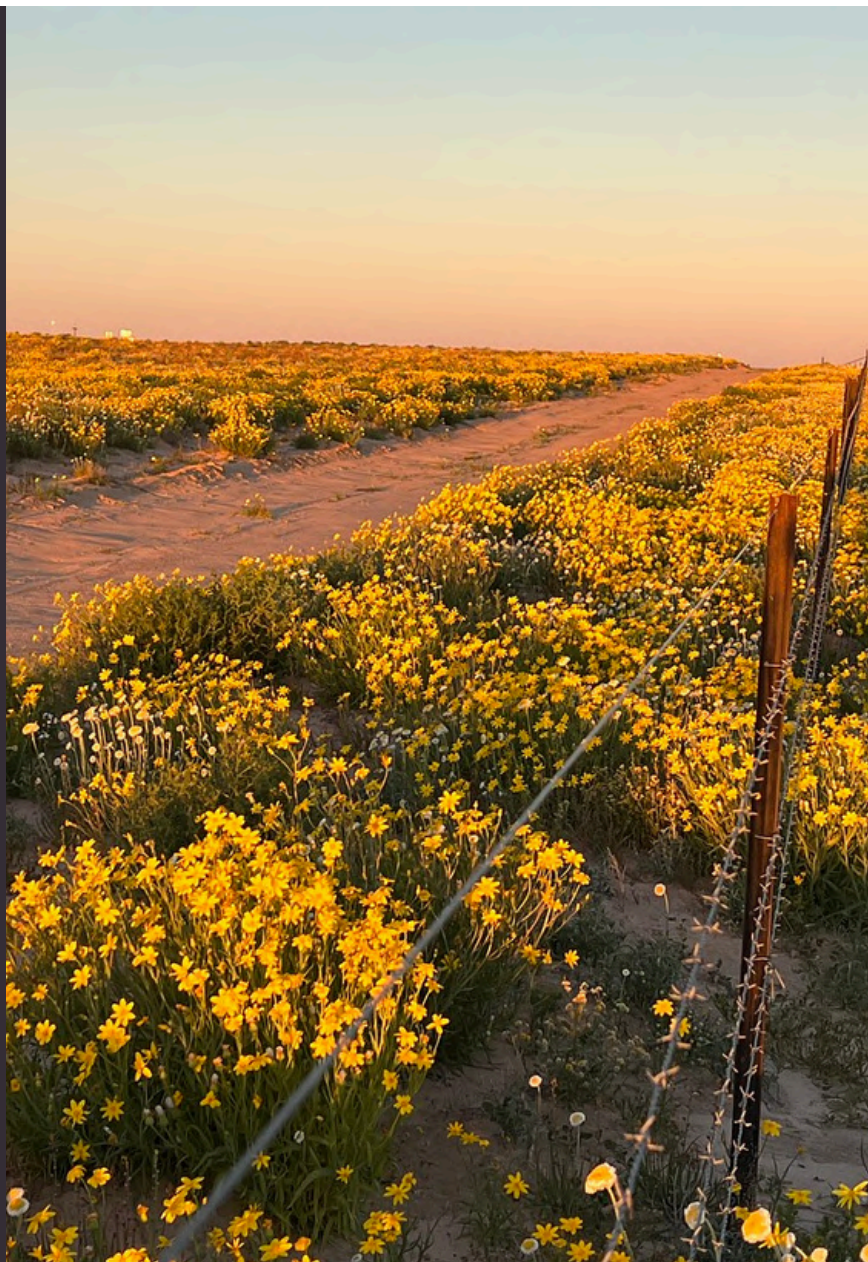
Multi-Combination Truck Driver

Road Train Type 2 (Level 6)

View the position descriptions at
www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/job-vacancies

We offer **full-time roles** in a close-knit team environment, with a strong focus on **work-life balance** through a mix of in-town and camp-based work, **attractive locality and living allowance benefits**, development opportunities with **training** and plant tickets, and the chance to contribute to unique infrastructure projects in one of the most remote and beautiful areas of Australia.

If you possess the required skills, please contact our Human Resources team at
HR@diamantina.qld.gov.au.



Rate Notices

Council's 2025/2026 rate notices were issued on Tuesday, 19 August.

If you have not received yours, please contact Council to update your details.



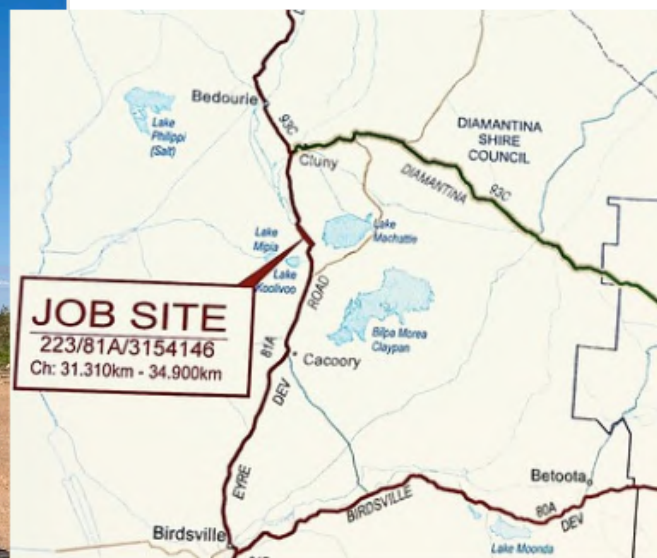
You can do this quickly online via our Change of Address & Electronic Consent Form.

Update your details [HERE](#)

Find out about Council Rates at www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/council/rates

COUNCIL RATES NOTICES
WERE ISSUED
ON TUESDAY, 19 AUGUST

PAY IN FULL BY
TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2025
TO RECEIVE
A 15% DISCOUNT



Roadworks at Allans Yards

Council has commenced a 3.6km bitumen upgrade on the Eyre Developmental Road, located 54km south of Bedourie (on the way to Birdsville).

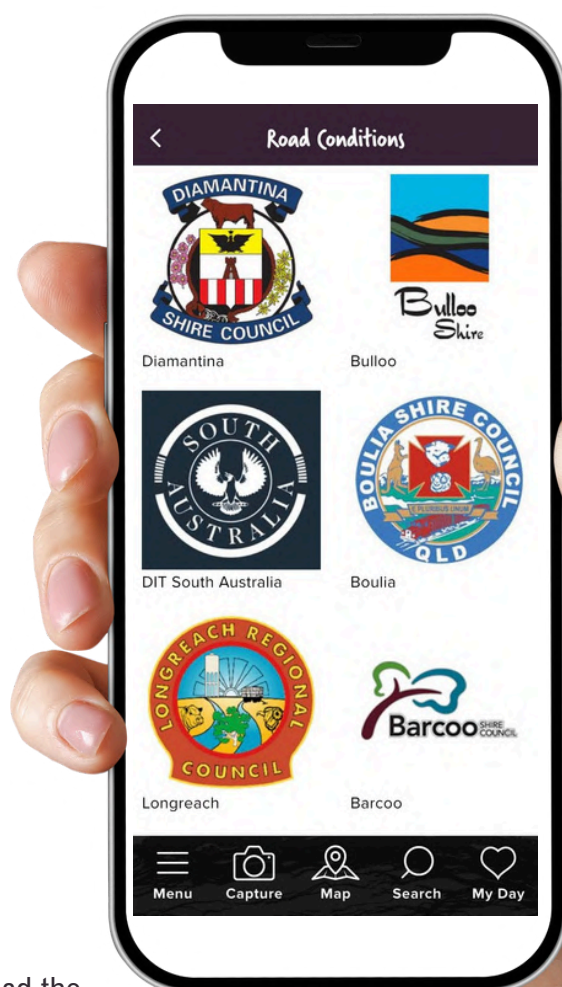
The project is expected to take approximately three months, with a detour now in place and a 60km/h speed limit enforced through the work zone.

We ask all locals and travellers to slow down and take care through the site — your patience helps keep our road crews and fellow drivers safe.

Thanks for driving to the conditions and respecting the speed limit — every safe journey counts.



Photos: Kevin Barr



Download the
Diamantina Tourism app
for Outback Road Reports
at your fingertips!
App Store & Google Play

Prepare for locust season

Wet weather earlier this year has created ideal conditions for potential locust outbreaks across parts of Queensland. In response, Biosecurity Queensland is urging graziers, landholders and aerial contractors to take early, proactive steps now to manage the risk of locust swarms. Locusts can cause significant economic and social impacts by damaging pastures and crops, threatening local industries and communities.

It is important to remember that under the Biosecurity Act 2014, you have a general biosecurity obligation to take all reasonable steps to minimise the risk of locust populations building up on your land. Locust management is a shared responsibility, and timely action can make a difference. Early detection and targeted spraying of nymphs can help protect pastures and crops from localised damage and prevent locust swarms. There are 3 main locust species of concern in Queensland: the Australian plague locust, the spur-throated locust and the migratory locust. Locusts are native to Australia, and eradication is not possible. However, effective management is achievable through coordinated efforts.



Australian plague locust



Spur-throated locust



Migratory locust

To help you meet your general biosecurity obligation, resources are available on insecticides registered for locust control at:

www.safemeat.com.au/globalassets/safemeat/our-systems/responsible-chemical-use/sm-locusts-fs_lr.pdf

You can find more information on locusts at:

www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/insects/field-crop/locusts

If you see swarms of locust or nymph activity, contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or report online at:

www.dpi.qld.gov.au/contact/report-a-biosecurity-pest-or-disease

Birdsville Police Station Update

The Mount Isa District is pleased to announce that police staffing at Birdsville Police Station is increasing from one officer to two officers.

The station will now have a Sergeant Officer in Charge, a Senior Constable and an Administration Officer. The Sergeant and Senior Constable positions were advertised in the internal police gazette on 15 August 2025 with applications closing on 1 September. These positions are being strongly promoted across the Service and several officers have already shown interest. We expect the roles will be filled within the usual three-month timeframe.

From a district perspective, we are seeking officers who will continue to strengthen the long and productive partnership the Queensland Police Service has enjoyed with the Birdsville community for many years. We are looking for officers who want to become part of the community and build on that trusted and positive relationship.

Birdsville has a proud history of attracting exceptional officers who stay longer than most and become part of the town. Neil and Stephan together gave 20 years of service to Birdsville which is a credit to the place and the people. While those two legends have set the bar high, we are confident Birdsville will once again attract officers who are just as committed and community minded.



*Out where the sunsets hit different. Birdsville putting on a show. Photo by Senior Constable Davidson from **myPolice Western Queensland** Facebook page.*

NO CUTTING FIREWOOD ON PUBLIC LAND

Reminder to all visiting the Diamantina -
cutting timber on public land is not permitted



Thank you for assisting us
in caring for Country

PROTECT THE WADDI TREES

One of Australia's rarest plants, the Waddi Tree (*Acacia puece*), can be seen along the Birdsville-Bedourie Road. These ancient and unique trees are a protected species – please help us care for them by avoiding the cutting of all trees on public land in the Diamantina.

OFFICIAL



The Birdsville QCAP office will be unattended from
Monday 1 September 2025 to Friday 5 September 2025.

If you require assistance, please contact the Windorah QCAP Office:

Windorah QCAP
Phone: 4652 5121
Email: QCAPWindorah@police.qld.gov.au
Mondays 2-5pm
Tuesdays 1:30-5pm
Wednesdays 8am-11:30am
Thursdays 1:30-5pm
Fridays 8-10:30am

Unfortunately, Bedourie QCAP & Boulia QCAP are offline during that week.

Normal QCAP duties will resume in Birdsville on **Monday 8 September 2025.**

Apologies for any inconvenience.
Kind regards

Ari Gardner
QCAP, Birdsville

OFFICIAL

Special Opening
1 week only
25/8/25 - 2/9/25
APPLY NOW

ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING ON COUNTRY AS A RANGER?

WE WANT
TO HEAR
FROM YOU!

The **OO3 Ranger Intake** is an opportunity to apply for permanent and/or temporary QPWS&P Ranger positions that may become available.

We offer:

- Diverse and impactful roles in locations across the state.
- Varied responsibilities and opportunities for career progression.

Requirements:

- A current, unrestricted manual driver's license.
- Passion for environmental conservation and a love of the outdoors.
- Strong communication and teamwork skills.



How to Apply

Scan the QR code OR visit <https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au> & search OO3 Ranger Intake after 25/8/25 - 2/9/25 to access the application directly OR visit your local QPWS&P Office for help with submitting your application

Got questions?

Email QPWSOO3RangerIntake@detsi.qld.gov.au and include your name and contact details



Regular Application Schedule

OO3 Ranger Intake opens
four times a year for 7 days only at:

End of January
End of July



End of April
End of October

SET UP A SMART JOB ALERT TO STAY POSTED!

Extra support for small businesses hit by Western Queensland floods

Small businesses across Western Queensland affected by the March–May 2025 floods can now access additional financial assistance. The **Small Business Recovery Assistance Grant** provides **up to \$15,000** for eligible businesses that have ceased trading or experienced a 60% or greater revenue loss for two consecutive weeks due to the disaster.

Support is available to businesses in nine disaster-declared LGAs: Barcoo, Boulia, Bulloo, Diamantina, Longreach, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie and Winton. Applicants must demonstrate the financial impact of the floods, their intent to continue operating, and how the funds will support recovery.

The Albanese and Crisafulli Governments jointly fund this grant under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and complement other assistance, including:

- Recovery Grants up to \$50,000
- Disaster Assistance Loans up to \$250,000

For details or to apply, visit business.qld.gov.au

Queensland Rural and Industry Development Authority

+ Connect with QRIDA for personalised disaster grant support



Disaster assistance available

Exceptional Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants are available to assist directly impacted primary producers, small businesses and non-profit organisations with the costs of clean-up and reinstatement as a result of the **Western Queensland Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding** event.

Book your QRIDA Connect Session

If you have been impacted by this disaster event, QRIDA is here to assist you.

We are now taking bookings for online QRIDA Connect sessions to provide tailored support. Whether you have questions about the grant process or need assistance with completing your application, our team is ready to help.

How to make a booking:



To schedule your online QRIDA Connect session, please contact us on **1800 623 946**. We have flexible time slots available to accommodate your needs, whether you prefer online meetings or face-to-face discussions.



Plenty of time to apply

Applications close 2 April 2026.



Australian Government

QRIDA administers financial assistance to disaster affected primary producers, businesses and non-profit organisations under the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

qrida.qld.gov.au 1800 623 946 contact_us@qrida.qld.gov.au



Queensland Government

\$5,000

Initial grant amount

\$70,000

Subsequent grant amount for primary producers

\$45,000

Subsequent grant amount for small businesses and non-profit organisations



For affected primary producers:

Grants of up to \$75,000 are available to hire or purchase equipment and materials, clean up, remove debris, replace fencing and other costs associated with the recovery process.



For affected small businesses and non-profit organisations:

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available to help with the costs of clean-up and recovery, disposing of damaged goods, repairing buildings, additional labour costs, and payment of tradespeople to conduct safety inspections.

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Race day at Birdsville 1926.

www.birdsvilleraces.com/about-the-races/birdsville-races-history/

Elected Representatives

Cr Francis Murray, Mayor

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