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# MAYOR'S REPORT

CR GEOFF MORTON



Hello all, we are well and truly into the busy season with tourists and cattle trucks everywhere. Also socially busy with Bedourie Campdraft /Rodeo, Camel races and Birdsville Bronco Branding. Unfortunately due to work and council commitments I was unable to see much of any of these.

First up for the month, was a visit to the shire by Brendan Worrall, the Auditor-General. The council met with him and it was good to put some of our problems to him as our problems in western Queensland are very different to the rest of Queensland. Brendan visited Longreach, Barcoo, Diamantina, Boulia and Winton, so he was able to gain valuable insight into the challenges faced by councils in the central west.

Next it was budget time one of the most important times in the council year. This year the rates were increased by 3% in all categories. This included an operational revenue of \$22.5M and an operational expenditure of \$25.5M leaving an operational loss of \$3.2M.

Some of the projects of the coming year include \$1.5M for sealing at Sunshine Flats, \$2.5M to seal 10 kms on the Big Red Road, \$0.5M for town street maintenance, \$3.5M for flood restoration, and \$500,000 for a new bore in Bedourie. Council will continue to be under pressure to be financially sustainable, but when you only control some 6% of the budget, being the portion of rates and charges, it is impossible while still providing services.

The following day, Minister for Tourism Kate Jones and I had the privilege of opening the Big Red Bash. This year it was again the biggest and best ever, with a total of about 12,000 people attending. I continue to be amazed how so many people come so far to the middle of nowhere for 3 days of fun. Everyone without exception tells me what a wonderful time they had.

The crowd leaving Birdsville have played havoc with the condition of the roads, but the council have commenced repairing them and they will be in good condition in time for the race crowd who will go about destroying them again. Such is life!

Unfortunately I had to leave on the Thursday for Emerald to attend a meeting organised by the Central Queensland Regional Office of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning. It included all the councils from the RAPAD and the Fitzroy areas, and is intended to give the Department of Infrastructure some guidelines on priorities. Diamantina did well in that the sealing of the Birdsville-Bedourie road was agreed to be the first priority followed by the sealing of a road from Birdsville to Rockhampton. The Eyre Development road is now the top priority for RAPAD, Outback Road Group and now Dept. of State Development and Infrastructure. It all helps put pressure on State government and Main Roads to fund the sealing of this road.

I was lucky enough to attend the Birdsville Bronco Branding for half a day before having to head off to Longreach for a RAPAD meeting. There was a good little crowd at Birdsville. Congratulations to the committee on the successful weekend.

Regional Express (REX), has announced the trial introduction of Rex Community Fares across its inland routes. This will reduce air fares to Brisbane from our two towns by about \$100 to Brisbane and \$50 to Mt Isa. It is available for seats booked 60 days in advance or any unsold seats in the last 24 hours.

Geoff Morton  
Mayor



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## Flood Times

Water rushing boiling noisy off onto the lake  
Tourists coming all excited spending lots of dough  
Avgas burning planes flying down along the channels  
Cars all towing, caravans swaying, camps are filling

Green grass growing graziers' happy camps on the go  
Cattle munching cud's a chewing stacking on the weight  
Birds all chirping pelicans flocking ready now to nest  
Pubs all full businesses humming people out about

Roads are busy dust is flying corrugations multiplying  
Cattle trucks oh so busy bringing in the herds  
Fuel trucks in demand needed for all that moves  
The area hums it's all go better make the most

Place comes to life walk with a skip and a little dance  
A flood it changes life but for a little while  
All that has been done is add a little water.

Geoff Morton



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# EXECUTIVE REPORT

JESSICA GREENAWAY  
TOURISM & EVENT MANAGER



Firstly, congratulations must go to Greg and his team at Big Run Events for another successful Big Red Bash in 2019. Exciting news is that festival dates for 2020 have been announced, with the event returning to a school holiday time slot for all states, from Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th July, with early entry available on Sunday 5th and Monday 6th July. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this event and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2020.

With the Bash done and dusted, we welcomed the amazing voice and showmanship of Glenn Shorrock, the founding frontman of The Twilights, Axiom and '70s hitmakers Little River Band. Glen filled the Birdsville Community Hall with not just people, but singing and laughter, as part of the Help is on its Way national choral initiative fostering a dialogue around men's positive mental health.

Coming up soon will be the Drovers Run. This event is said to be the most ambitious Drover's Run Outback adventure yet. Leaving Broken Hill on Sunday August 4th with almost 50 vehicles in convoy raising funds for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service, the Drovers Run convoy will arrive in Birdsville on the 12th of August before finishing up in Tamworth on the 17th of August.

Next on the event calendar is the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival starting at the Betoota Races on the 30th and 31st of August, followed by the Birdsville Races on the 6th and 7 September and finishing up in Bedourie on the 13th and 14th. Camping, bar and food facilities will be available at all race events.

We can't forget the guys from Simpson Desert Bike Challenge. This unique event in its 33rd year has traditionally started in Purni Bore before finishing in Birdsville. However, this year event organisers have opted to reverse the route starting in Birdsville and finishing at the Mt Dare Hotel. The five-day event consists of 8-stages and will start at the base of Little Red Monday 30th September and finish at the Mt Dare Hotel Saturday 5th October, travelling the QAA and French Lines.



In October we look forward to welcoming back the team from "Shit Box Rally". Some of you might remember these guys from their last visit in 2015.

This year the spring Shitbox Rally will be held from October 19th to October 25th, travelling from Melbourne to Townsville via Birdsville.

This event is officially endorsed and supported by Cancer Council and will arrive in Birdsville on the 22nd of October bringing with them a whopping 550 people and 270 vehicles.



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## JESSICA GREENAWAY

### TOURISM AND EVENT MANAGER



Even with all this going on, it's business as usual for Council. Residents and businesses should by now have received notice of Council's systematic inspection program for animal management and sewer and water connections.

The purpose of these inspections is to monitor compliance with the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002, Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 and Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2013. Further details of the inspection program have been included under public notices.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to congratulate Jock McDonald, Birdsville Town Supervisor, who was recently awarded vocational student of the year for the Central Queensland region. Jock will now progress to the State Finals of the prestigious Queensland Training Awards, which celebrates top achievers in training in Queensland. Across 14 categories, the awards recognise individuals and organisations that strive for and have achieved success, best practice and innovation in vocational education and training (VET).



Jock has been recognised as the regional winner after completing a Certificate III in Civil Construction through RAPAD Skilling. Having worked in the farming industry for most of his life, Jock McDonald had a vast skills set, but no recognised qualification. Completing his Certificate III in Civil Construction has enabled Jock to convert his lifetime of experience onto paper; improving his job prospects and future career growth and to be recognised as an ambassador for the opportunities of mature-age VET. Well done Jock and we wish you the best of luck at the state finals in Brisbane.

#### Funding Opportunities

##### Gambling Community Benefit Fund

To increase access to funding, the GCBF will be having 5 funding rounds starting from the 2019–20 financial year, beginning with Round 102 (which closes on 31 August 2019).

These will be the new closing dates each year:  
28 February (29 February in a leap year), 30 April, 30 June, 31 August, 31 October.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/communitygrants>

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And now through the Qantas Regional Grants Program, we're aiming to help these communities sustain brighter futures. That's why we're offering the chance to share \$5 million in grants - \$1 million each year over five years - to charities, organisations, causes, projects and individuals that help deliver direct services or benefits to regional communities.

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# INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

TREVOR STEWART  
INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER



## Maintenance Crew:

Maintenance Crew are working on the emergent works on Monkira – Davenport Rd as well as the March 2018 flood works on Monkira – Davenport Rd. Camp is at Pidgeon Creek, along the Bedourie – Windorah road 93C.



## Construction Crew:

The Construction Crew completed the Bedourie – Windorah Rd emergent works and have moved over to do the emergent and flood way works at Stony Crossing.

The new 16 man camp is situated at Carcoory Bore. Some have nicknamed the camp the “Hilton” as it is a brand new camp with all the amenities; state of the art kitchen, cold room, walk in freezer, laundry, commercial kitchen including deep fryers and much more.





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**INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER**



## Civil Crew:

Civil Crew continue completed the Herbert St Kerb & Channel project and driveway, then moved onto the Merri and Kepler St Kerb which was also completed. They have been assisting with the backfill for the massive Workshop project at the Bedourie Depot. The bulk sign project will be starting shortly for the crew and they will also be assisting the town crew over the event season.



## Facilities Maintenance and Workshop Crew:

The Bedourie workshop project was created so our workshop crew could have some more shade to work in over the summer months. This massive project has been a joint effort involving everyone to ensure successful completion. Facilities Maintenance Crews were all hands on deck for the Bedourie workshop extension and Bedourie stores awning completion. They also upgraded the stormwater drainage at the Bedourie depot and completed part of the Birdsville Caravan Park electrical upgrades.



## Parks and Gardens:

Crews have been responsible for setup and cleanup for all the events within the Shire during the busy event season. This requires a higher amount of cleaning and maintenance around town due to the number of tourists. Jock McDonald won the Central QLD region "Vocational Trainee of the Year" and has been invited to the State finals in Brisbane in Sept 2019.

## Infrastructure Department in General:

A big welcome to Richard Watkins, our new Works Coordinator who is based in Birdsville. He will be managing all construction work for our department.

## Upcoming and continued projects for the Shire:

Tree Lopping in Bedourie and Birdsville

RMPC – Maintenance grade of all main roads in lead up to event season Birdsville Races support

Sunshine Flats – Pave & Seal Bulk sign replacement

Pipe replacement 80A Plant replacement program

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# BIRDSVILLE PLAYGROUP NEWS

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BIRDSVILLE HALL

What a busy month we have had at playgroup! The first part of the month was “school holiday fun” and we enjoyed having the school children and visiting families attend playgroup, bringing our attendance up to an amazing 19.

The children also enjoyed the themes “NAIDOC week and “Fairy Tales” as we got creative making slime, rainbow serpent collage, dot painting, boomerang scratch art, bead bracelets, paper plate frogs, fairy wands, and showcasing their imaginations with painting and collage.

During the month the children also enjoyed lots of physical activities, developing gross motor skills, building strength, self-confidence, coordination and concentration with dancing, playing hide and seek, tag, and various ball games.

Playgroup celebrated NAIDOC week at the Wirrarri Information Centre and I would like to thank guest speakers Lyn and Don Rowlands for taking time out of their busy schedule to talk with the children and answer all their questions. I would also like to thank Nadine Lorenz for all her help making this event happen.

We can't wait for more fun and games in August. Hope to see you there!

Candice Southon

Birdsville Playgroup



Birdsville Playgroup

...in the Diamantina Shire



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Theme	Spring			
Date	2-Sep-19	4-Sep-19	5-Sep-19	6-Sep-19
Art and craft	Spring colouring	crayon and water paint picture	Sun Marble painting	spring tree painting
Music & Movement	Dancing ribbons	the season song	5 little ducks	if you happy and you know it
Book	wake me in spring	let it rain	a windy day in spring	when grandma gives you a lemon tree
Activities	Bubbles and balloons, follow the leader, blocks	exploring with binoculars and magnifying glasses	messy play, playdough, ball games	bikes and scooters, dress up, blocks
Theme	Spring			
Date	9-Sep-19	11-Sep-19	12-Sep-19	13-Sep-19
Art and craft	Plant a flower seeds and decorate flower pot	Make spring flowers	Rainbow collage	make a blue bird in its nest
Music & Movement	if your happy and you know it	5 Little ducks	Flower garden	spring song
Book	the tiny seed	the very hungry caterpillar	planting a rainbow	spring is here
Activities	playdough with sticks and flowers	play ring around the roses/ duck, duck goose	Parachute fun, obstacle course, dress up	collect some twigs and leaves to make our bird nest
Theme	abc			
Date	16-Sep-19	18-Sep-19	19-Sep-19	20-Sep-19
Art and craft	Apple print painting	alphabet soup collage	Clay name art	paint clay art
Music & Movement	ABC	Alphabet song	alphabet song	Letter yoga
Book	ABC	A was once an apple pie	Alpha oops	A to Z
Activities	Letter matching game, bikes and scooters, doll house	letter hunt messy play, wash dolls, sand table	A is for. finding game, jumpy castle, obstacle course	activity book, play dough, parachute fun
Theme	abc			
Date	23-Sep-19	25-Sep-19	26-Sep-19	27-Sep-19
Art and craft	make an alphabet book	finish book	letter stamping	Magic letters painting
Music & Movement	abc	Alphabet song	alphabet song	Letter yoga
Book	chicka chicka boon boom	L M N O Peas	the alphabet book	shiver me letters
Activities	letter matching, hula hoops and balls	match the sound to the letter, bean bag games, magic sand	what letter is missing, messy play, cubby house	letter hide and seek, treasure hunt, jumpy castle

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BEDOURIE HALL



## Bedourie Playgroup

*.....In the Diamantina Shire*

This month we have had some wonderful times together here at playgroup.

We started out with a Teddy Bear Picnic in the park where we played some games and shared a nice morning tea. We have done some activities with patterns and puzzles, playing in the hall and in the sandpit.

With the days warming up a little, the children enjoyed some water play outside. NAIDOC week was celebrated by some craft activities and a community morning tea.

Thank you to all those who attended. Everyone loves a superhero, so we had fun creating our superhero wrist bands, dressing up and playing pretend.

Bedourie Playgroup hours have changed to 8.30am to 12.30pm and 1.00pm to 5.30pm on Monday and Thursday. This change will allow for more children to attend playgroup so we hope to see you there.

Rachel Dunlop



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Theme	Spring	
Date	2-Sep-19	5-Sep-19
Art & Craft	Paper daisies	3D Lady bug and
Music & Movement	tba	tba
Book	What the lady bird	What the lady bird
Activity	Pretend play, Bikes,	kinetic sand, ribbon
Theme	Opposites	
Date	9-Sep-19	12-Sep-19
Art & Craft	Opposites booklet	Opposites booklet
Music & Movement	opposites song	opposites song
Book	Playful Pups	Big and Small
Activity	Puzzles, blocks, lego	dolls house, blocks,
Theme	Robots	
Date	16-Sep-19	19-Sep-19
Art & Craft	Bead robots	egg carton robots
Music & Movement	Robot song	Robot song
Book	The most magnificent thing	The most magnificent thing
Activity	Play mats, scooters	Running, throwing,
Theme	Transportation	
Date	23-Sep-19	26-Sep-19
Art & Craft	Paper plate sail boat	Egg carton traffic
Music & Movement	The wheels on the bus	Driving in a car
Book	The wheels on the bus	Coconut's week
Activity	face painting, playdough	Soccer, jumping castle, hula hoops

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# BEDOURIE CAMPDRAFT & GYMKHANA

The Bedourie Gymkhana Club would like to send out a huge thankyou to everyone who gave a hand throughout the weekend. Without the generous sponsors and the invaluable volunteers we would not have been able to hold such a successful event. 2019 saw us with a record number of 568 runs in the campdraft. A huge shout out to Kamaran Downs who supplied beautiful cattle that ran well throughout the weekend.

The new chutes and yard setup ran extremely well and was a testament to the high skill level in our local area. The locally supplied rodeo stock bucked well and certainly made the ringers work for their rides.

The pannikins were really well received and we can happily say that the rubbish was kept to a minimum making less work for the volunteers.

We do have a handful of caps and pannikins left. If anyone missed out please call 47461236 or send Jeena a message!





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# BIRDSVILLE CAMPDRAFT RODEO/ BRONCO BRANDING



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# BEDOURIE CAMEL & PIG RACES

Another successful Bedourie Camel & Pig Races, while the crowd was down a little from last year it was still a fantastic day and for the committee a little less stressful. It was great to see the little town of Bedourie coming alive as the tourists rolled in and out.

And again this year it was the pigs that kept the crowd animated as there was more squealing from the crowd than the little pigs themselves! The camels did not fail to keep the crowd entertained with their wayward ways.

The wood chop was popular among locals and visitors with the visitors coming out on top with the most wins. The famous Bedourie Camp Oven cook off sparked the tourist's curiosity as always and the added bonus of being crowned the winner of the best damper had them lining up to enter. We had to have 2 rounds for the kids because there were 24 entries. Such a great thing to see so much young talent, I think the young girl that won the kids competition would have outscored the adults. Our very own master chef Butch Davies was a must see for all as he demonstrated the fine art of camp oven cooking, which had tourists enthralled.

The Bedourie Camel Cup sponsored by George Bourne & Associates was won by Glenda Sutton and Woodhouse racing won the Jean Smith Memorial Plate sponsored by Roy Smith and Family.

As the sun set over Bedourie, Emma Clark kept the crowd entertained with 'hot country' which had everyone on the dance floor. We would like to extend our gratitude to our vendors Johnno and Dogga for their continued support of this event. Also, a massive thankyou to the Diamantina Shire Council. Without their continued support this event would not be possible.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers who helped make this another successful and fun filled Bedourie Camel & Pig Races.  
Michelle O'Toole





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# QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS

## CONGRATULATIONS

JOCK McDONALD



Jock McDonald won the Central QLD region "Vocational Trainee of the Year".

Jock has been invited to attend a gala dinner in September in Brisbane where all finalists will come together and someone will be chosen to represent each category for their state.

The finalist will be given the opportunity to represent at Nationals in November at a 5 day event.

We wish Jock all the best for September.



# BIRDSVILLE CLINIC NEWS

NWRH provide allied health services to Birdsville on a bi-monthly basis. Our services are free to access for people of all ages. NWRH also offer Community Home Support services for those aged 65 and over and 50 and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to maximise client independence.

We are also registered NDIS providers to support clients with permanent and significant disabilities. Please contact us for more information on how to refer into these services.

Services provided from Mount Isa office are: Dietetics, Podiatry, Exercise Physiology. Services provided from NWRH Longreach office are: Diabetes Education, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy- dates for these services to come. Below are the services provided to Birdsville the clinician, and dates for the upcoming months.

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<b>Dietitian</b>	Simone Pickering	<a href="mailto:Simone.Pickering@nwrh.com.au">Simone.Pickering@nwrh.com.au</a>	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>		Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Podiatry</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Vacant-</b> Team Leader <a href="mailto:Tahlia.reade@nwrh.com.au">Tahlia.reade@nwrh.com.au</a>			Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Exercise Physiology</b>	Matthew Lelievre	<a href="mailto:Matthew.Lelievre@nwrh.com.au">Matthew.Lelievre@nwrh.com.au</a>	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup>		Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>

Recruitment update: We are recruiting to a permanent podiatrist. The position has been advertised and we will continue to update on our recruitment as we progress. NWRH will look at redeployment of staff to ensure as little disruption to community as possible. Please feel free to contact myself or Jennifer Kirby at any stage to discuss Birdsville services or referral pathways.

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<b>Exercise Physiology</b>	Matthew Lelievre	<a href="mailto:Matthew.Lelievre@nwrh.com.au">Matthew.Lelievre@nwrh.com.au</a>		Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>		Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>



# CLINIC NEWS

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<b>Referral Date:</b>	
<b>Community to be seen in:</b>	
<b>Health Services</b> <i>East Coast (EC) / Central West (CW) / North West (NW) / Lower Gulf (LG)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> ABPM (CW) <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal Health Practitioner (NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Continence Advisor (CW, EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Dementia Advisor (NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Educator (CW, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Dietitian (CW, EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs and Alcohol (LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Physiologist (CW, EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Family Wellbeing (NW, LG)	<input type="checkbox"/> Womens' Group (LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Mens' Group (LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Professional (NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Therapist (EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapist (CW, EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Podiatrist (CW, EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Psychologist (CW, EC, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Studies (CW) <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker (EC, NW, LG)
<input type="checkbox"/> Speech Pathologist (CW, NW, LG) <input type="checkbox"/> School Attendance (LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Transition Officer (LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Wellbeing Support (LG, NW) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Wellbeing Support (LG) <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Group (LG)	
Other: _____	
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<b>CLIENT DETAILS</b>	
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<b>NDIS Number (Plan Attached)</b>	<b>My Aged Care Number</b>
<b>General Practitioner (GP)</b>	<b>(GP) Contact</b>
<b>Known Allergies/Alerts</b>	
<b>NEXT OF KIN / EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>	
<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>REASON FOR REFERRAL*</b>	
<small>*If this referral is being made under a Medicare Allied Health Initiative, DVA or WorkCover please attach the relevant Medicare, DVA or WorkCover referral form, and a copy of the GP Management Plan, Team Care Arrangements or Mental Health Treatment Plan if applicable.</small>	
<b>Medical Conditions</b>	
<b>Medications</b>	
<b>CLIENT CONSENT</b>	
I _____ consent to this referral being made, for the creation and maintenance of a file and for the sharing of my personal information with NWRH and other Health care providers for the purpose of actioning this referral.	
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# BIRDSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS



We were recently out and about in Birdsville sketching some iconic buildings for Art. We will be putting our sketches onto canvas and donating the work to P&C for auction during race week. All funds raised will go towards our new playground. P&C fundraising efforts during the Big Red Bash were very successful, with just over \$3600 raised. We would like to thank the Birdsville Race Club for their ongoing support in the form of 2 x Birdsville Races Pavilion tickets that were first prize in the raffle.

We are about to commence selling tickets in our next raffle and are pleased to announce that first prize will be a Big Red Bash family pass for 2020. Our thanks go to the Big Red Bash organisers for their support.

Open day will be held on Thursday the 5th of September and we are very excited that our cake stall and sausage sizzle is back. All donations for the cake stall and any volunteer assistance that could be offered on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please give me a call at the school if you can lend a hand. See the flyer included in this issue of the Desert Yarns for further information.





# BIRDSVILLE SCHOOL NEWS



BIRDSVILLE STATE SCHOOL

## ANNUAL OPEN DAY

### BAKE SALE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This year, we're raising funds for a new playground!



Donated baked goods can be dropped at the school office on the 3rd or 4th September.

Please ensure they are wrapped and include a list of ingredients.





## Bedourie State School News

And the year keeps marching on! There never seems to be a minute to spare, and here we are already heading into the fourth week of Term 3.

This term we welcomed another two new students to our school on a full time basis - Chloe and Ella Clarke from Kamaran Downs. This brings our full time number up to twelve! We also have two Distance Ed students who will join us on Fridays - Jack Cramer (Glengyle) and Menzies Powell (Monkira). We would like to warmly welcome their parents, Emma and Damien, Jeena and Steve, and Tracey and John into our school community.

This term we have two Camps to look forward to. On Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August we head off to Longreach to meet up with Stonehenge, Jundah and Windorah students and staff before travelling on to Barcaldine where we will all spend three and a half days at Wanpa-Rda Matilda Outback Education Centre. On our way home we will once again stop over in Longreach and take in the River Cruise, Dinner and Light show. The last week of the term will see us travelling down to Birdsville to join the students and staff from Birdsville for the Drama in the Desert Camp that was postponed due to a very wet Term 1.

A huge congratulations to one of our Year 6 students, Charlotte Love, who has managed to keep up her gymnastics training and routines out here in Bedourie and has continued to make representative teams. Well done in all that you have achieved to date, Charlotte, and all the best for your upcoming competitions.

Finally, some pictures to share from our very successful week at Windorah Sports Camp, where we all participated in a variety of sports and met up with old friends and even made some new ones!!





# BEDOURIE SCHOOL NEWS



## BEDOURIE STATE SCHOOL



Timor Street, Bedourie QLD 4829  
Phone (07) 4746 1224 Fax (07) 4746 1142

### **POSITION VACANT PERMANENT/PART TIME CLEANER 9 hrs/wk + ADO's**

Applications are being called for the position of Permanent Part Time Cleaner at Bedourie State School. Duties include cleaning and maintenance of equipment, liaising with principal concerning purchasing and disposal of rubbish. An application package is available from Bedourie State School, telephone 4746 1224. Applicants MUST address the selection criteria.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019.

Address applications:

CONFIDENTIAL  
Mrs Leanne Hohnke-Jansen  
The Principal  
Bedourie State School  
Timor Street  
BEDOURIE QLD 4829  
[the.principal@bedouriess.eq.edu.au](mailto:the.principal@bedouriess.eq.edu.au)

All applications will remain current for a 12 month period. Successful applicants will be subject to a probationary period.

Leanne Hohnke-Jansen  
Principal  
Bedourie State School



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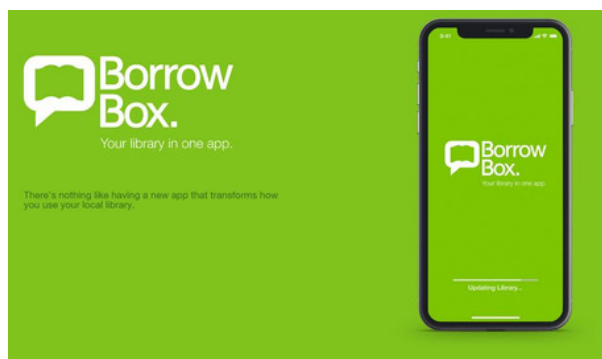
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# BIRDSVILLE BINGO

Bingo this month raised \$256.80 for the Betoota Race Club Inc.

Thank you to everyone that attended and thank you to QGAP for their ongoing support.

Our last BINGO for the year will be held on the 3rd October. Since it will be the the last Bingo for the year we will be looking at some major jackpot games.







# BIG RED BASH

OFFICIAL 2019 ATTENDANCE 9,169

Some BRB stats to go with it!

0 internet (Nearly 1600 under 18s who survived with no internet!)

0 security incidents

0 rubbish left by patrons

0 speeding fines 0 DUI readings 0 clouds ☐

1.2 tons of Ribs served by the Birdsville Hotel

18 yummy food vendors ☺

64 hours of 99.9 BASH FM broadcast ☐

120 largest sunrise yoga class on Big Red ☐ ♀

129 songs played by our amazing Big Red Bash House Band ☐ ☐ ☐

210 new composting toilets

323 friendly dogs ☐

390 wheelie bins waiting to become compost

395 Bashville Drag Queens

454 Awesome Volunteers

2,330 world record breaking Nutbush Dancers ☐

120,000 aluminium cans recycled

180,000 litres of grey water removed

41 million Kms traveled by everyone combined to get there and back.



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# PUBLIC NOTICES



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Bedourie & Birdsville Tree Clean Up

Please be advised that from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August through to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 - council will be engaging with a tree lopper to trim and remove dead trees in Bedourie and Birdsville. The tree lopper will be in Bedourie until 12 noon Friday and commence work in Birdsville after that.

Trees on all council property including council rented residential properties will have trees trimmed, tidied up. Any dead trees will be cut down and removed.

Whilst work is being carried out along footpaths or roads there may be disruptions. Council apologises for any inconvenience that may occur.

Private land holders wishing to have any trees trimmed, lowered or have dead trees removed should make their own enquires with Gibba Turnbull on 0428 155 669. All private work will be at your own expense and must occur either after 5pm or after all council tree work is completed.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### **Diamantina Shire Council Notification of Approved Systematic Inspection Program Sewer and Water Connections**

In accordance with section 134 of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) notice is hereby given that the Diamantina Shire Council intends to conduct inspections to monitor compliance with Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002. Inspections will be confined to properties located within the defined Township areas of Bedourie and Birdsville. The purpose and scope of the program is to carry out inspections of properties for the investigation and identification of connections to the Common Effluent Disposal (Sewer network) and Town Water Supply that are defective, not adequate or unapproved.

The program is intended to include entry onto properties located within the approved inspection area.

The program will commence on 5 August 2019 and will be completed within 3 months.

A copy of Council's resolution approving the program, is available for inspection at the Diamantina Shire Office, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie Qld 4829 or on Council's website ([www.diamantina.qld.gov.au](http://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au)). A copy may also be purchased at a no cost.

For further information or to obtain a copy, please contact Diamantina Shire Council on 07 4746 1600.

Leon Love  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
19 July 2019

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In accordance with Section 134(5) of the Local Government Act 2009 (the Act) notice is hereby given that the Diamantina Shire Council intends to conduct a systematic inspection program to monitor compliance with Chapter 3, Part 1 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 and Schedule 1 and 4 of Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2013. Inspections will be confined to residential and industrial properties located within the defined Township areas of Bedourie and Birdsville.

The purpose and scope of the program is to carry out inspections of properties for dog registration of all animals over the age of 12 weeks and to ensure that dogs have been registered in accordance with section 46 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008 and to ensure that a property of less than or equal to 350m<sup>2</sup> does not contain more than 2 dogs and to ensure the minimum standards for keeping animals are being met.

The program is intended to include entry onto properties located within the approved inspection areas. The program will commence on 14 August 2019 and will terminate 9 October 2019.

A copy of Council's resolution approving the program, is available for inspection at the Diamantina Shire Office, 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie Qld 4829 or on Council's website ([www.diamantina.qld.gov.au](http://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au)). A copy may also be purchased at a no cost.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ROAD CLOSURES BIRDSVILLE RACE WEEK 2019

In accordance with s69 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, during the Birdsville Races period, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019, road closures will be in place to ensure the safety of the public at certain times of the day and night. The road closures are detailed on the attached map.

Detours will be in place to allow traffic to move through Birdsville and ensure access to businesses is not obstructed.

Please obey all traffic management signs and take extra care in the area.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.

For more information, please contact Jessica Greenaway on 4746 1600.

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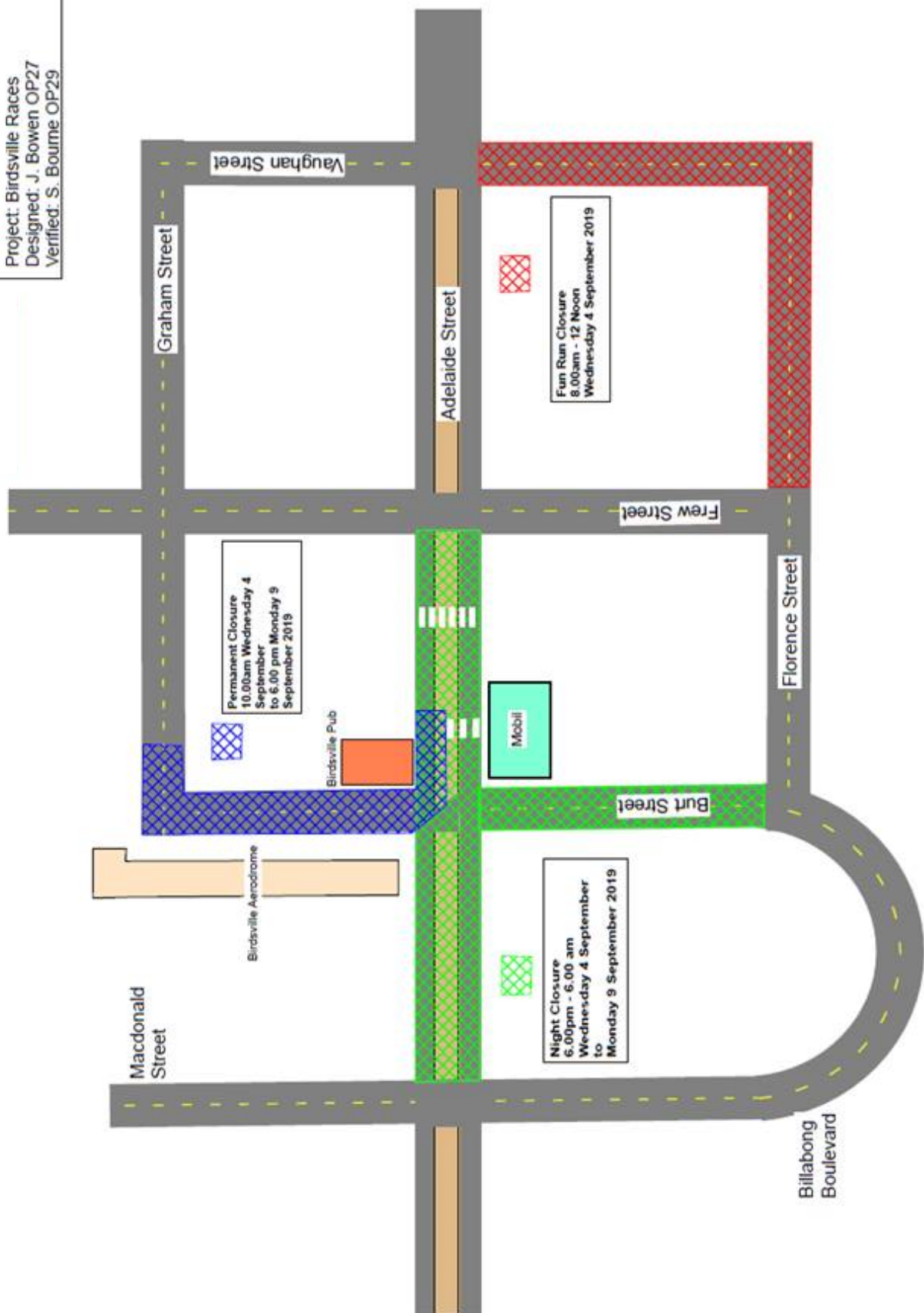


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## 2019 Birdsville Races



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### WET AREA BIRDSVILLE RACE WEEK 2019

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

The Wet Areas are indicated on Maps 1 & 2 attached and only operate between 6pm Monday 2nd September 2019 to 12am (midnight) Sunday 8th September 2019.

Signage has been erected to advise the boundaries of the wet area.

Please ensure your behaviour is appropriate within this area as Qld Police will be making regular patrols.

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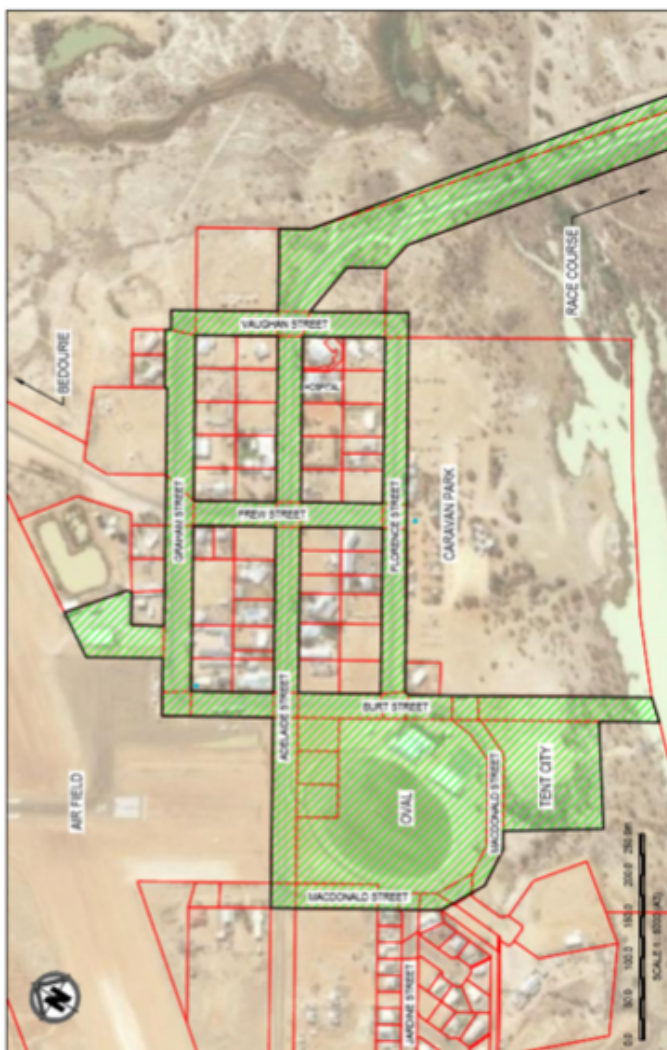
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Designated Public Places Where Liquor May  
Be Consumed - S173B & S173C Liquor Act



### LEGEND

Roads, Town & Town Common  
6.00pm Monday 2nd September 2019  
Until 12.00am (Midnight) Sunday 8th  
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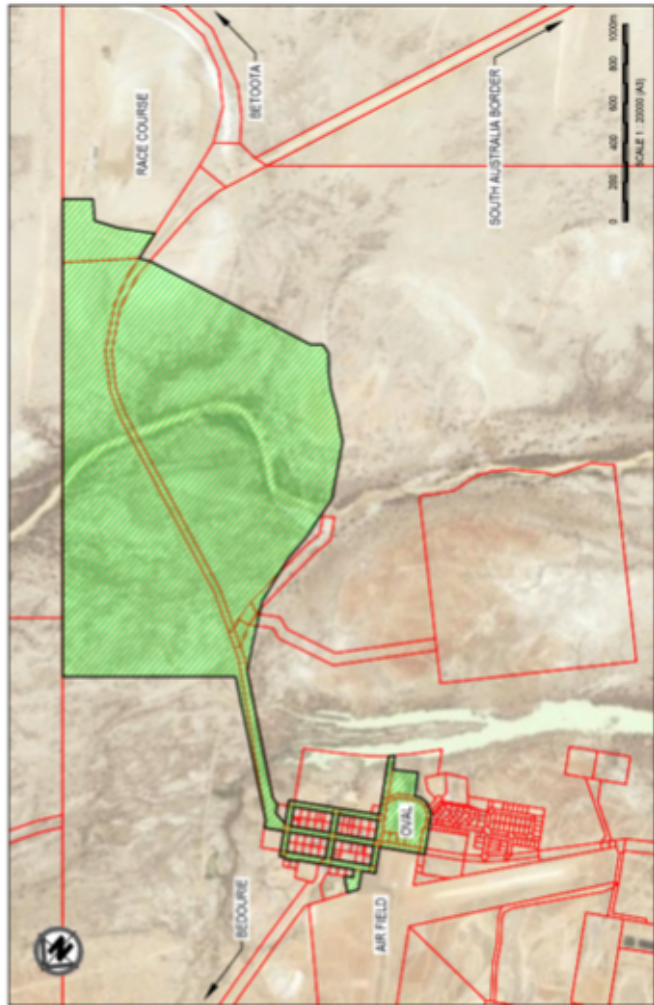
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# COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Bingo Night**

**Birdsville Community Hall**

Thursday 1st August  
6.30pm- 10pm

**BYO Nibbles.**  
**Drinks at Bar prices**

Proudly sponsored by QGAP Birdsville

# COMMUNITY NOTICES



*The Arts Central Queensland*

## Lorna McDonald

### ESSAY PRIZE

### **\$2000 Lorna McDonald Essay Prize now open**

The Arts Central Queensland Lorna McDonald Essay Prize is now open for 2019, with \$2000 on offer for an essay about Central Queensland and a \$500 runner-up encouragement prize.

The annual competition is looking for essays 3000-5000 words on any aspect of Central Queensland: history, arts, culture, science, the natural world, or anything in between.

It's free to enter and has no age or location limits. The subject matter must relate to the Central Queensland region, which includes in the Local Government Areas of Banana, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Central Highlands, Diamantina, Gladstone, Issac, Livingstone, Longreach, Rockhampton and Winton.

To find out more about the competition, download the terms and conditions, or read previous years' winning essays, visit the Arts Central Queensland website:

<https://artscqinc.org.au/lorna-mcdonald-essay-prize/>

Entries are open until September 30.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



Australian Government  
Department of Education

## Local Schools Community Fund Fact Sheet

The Local Schools Community Fund (the Fund) supports the Australian Government's commitment to education by providing a contribution to schools for small scale projects and their associated costs.

### What does the Fund offer?

The Australian Government will provide \$30.2 million in 2019–20 to establish the Fund, with up to \$200,000 available for each federal electorate.

The Fund is open to eligible government, Catholic and independent schools.

Schools can apply for one project between \$1,000 and \$20,000. Where a school is composed of multiple campuses, the school or campus may submit an application for each campus to fund a project between \$1,000 and \$20,000.

The funding amount can be for the total cost of the project, or part of the cost where the school contributes an amount.

### Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply, a school must be in receipt of Commonwealth recurrent funding for 2019.

### What projects are eligible?

Projects will be for small scale capital and non-capital initiatives. Projects may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following components:

- master-planning
- small scale extensions / refurbishments
- installation of computer or ICT facilities / equipment / software
- playground and sporting equipment
- shade structures
- landscaping
- procurement of musical facilities, furniture, computer equipment (e.g. digital whiteboards), library resources
- air-conditioning

*Opportunity through learning*

*A great day was had by all at the Birdsville Hotel St Patricks Day Celebrations*

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Local Schools Community Fund Fact Sheet

- measures to target student wellbeing
- counselling or youth mental health support
- excursions for students from remote areas
- additional English as a second language support for refugee students
- specific facilities for students with a disability in a school.

Applications may include more than one project component. For example, a project may comprise of refurbishments and landscaping, or ICT equipment and digital whiteboards.

### How do I apply?

Schools should read the Fund guidelines and notify their approved authority before applying. Schools will also need to provide assurance that the project will be completed by 31 December 2020.

Applications can be submitted online through SchoolsHUB at <https://schools.education.gov.au>.

Applications open on 25 July 2019 and close at 5:00 pm AEST on 30 September 2019.

### What is the assessment process?

Federal Members of the House of Representatives (MPs) in each electorate will establish a Local Advisory Committee (committee) consisting of at least four members (including the MP), ensuring representation from the government, Catholic and independent school sectors.

The committee will assess applications from schools within their electorate against the assessment criteria and recommend projects for funding to the Minister for Education.

The Minister for Education makes the final decision of which projects will be approved.

### When will I be notified if my application is successful?

The Minister for Education will notify MPs of the outcome of project applications within their electorate by early December 2019. MPs will then have the opportunity to notify schools.

The department will also notify schools in December 2019 of the outcome of their application.

Schools with approved projects can commence once formal notification has been received from the department.

### Where can I find more information?

Guidelines, frequently asked questions and other information about the Fund can be found on the department's website at [www.education.gov.au/local-schools-community-fund](http://www.education.gov.au/local-schools-community-fund).

The department can be contacted via email at [localschoolscommunityfund@education.gov.au](mailto:localschoolscommunityfund@education.gov.au).



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



The ABC is calling on people aged 16-22 to share their experiences of life in regional Australia for the opportunity to be featured on the ABC and win a lifechanging trip to Canberra for the Heywire Regional Youth Summit in February 2020.

Anyone with a story to tell about life outside of the big cities is encouraged to enter, with entries of any medium accepted, including text, video, audio and photo. The competition officially opens on 24 July 2019.

Forty winners will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the Heywire Regional Youth Summit and will take part in workshops.

The Summit gives winners an opportunity to inspire each other, develop ideas and share stories to help make life in regional Australia even better.

Past winners have used Heywire as a springboard to make positive change in their communities by exploring issues around agriculture, mental health, youth employment, disability and strengthening culture, just to name a few.

ABC Director of Regional & Local, Judith Whelan said “the Heywire competition is an important platform for young people living outside of the big cities to have their voices heard.”

“We’re proud to celebrate the stories of a new generation of Australian storytellers.” Minister for Agriculture, Bridget McKenzie encourages young people to get involved and share their stories.

“I am always inspired by the depth of capacity of young people from rural and regional Australia,” Minister McKenzie said.

“Heywire helps to showcase the next generation of young leaders.

“There is a positive future for the regions with young leaders so passionate and proud of where they come from.”

Former Heywire winner, Bethany Evans, says “It’s an enormous privilege to be a Heywire alumni and to see how the program has continued to grow and give young rural Australians a platform for discussion and change.”

“For me, my experience as a Heywire winner reaffirmed how lucky I am to call rural Australia home despite the unique challenges we face. The opportunity to meet and form lasting friendships with other rural youth from across Australia has been priceless.”

“The sense of empowerment and conviction that rural voices matter and deserve to be heard at all levels of Australian society is something that has stayed with me always.”

Get your entries in via the Heywire website by 16th of September.

Heywire acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources; the Department of Education and Training; the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development; the Department of Social Services; the Department of Health; and AgriFutures Australia.

For more information and to interview a Heywire Ambassador from your region, please contact:

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Regional Express**

30 JULY 2019

## MEDIA RELEASE

### REX ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY FARE FOR REMOTE AND OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

Regional Express (Rex) has today announced the introduction of the highly successful Rex Community Fare scheme throughout remote and outback Queensland. The Rex Community Fare scheme will be made available to 23 Queensland (QLD) communities across the Rex operated Western 1 and 2 routes from Brisbane, the Northern 1 and 2 routes from Townsville and the Gulf route from Cairns.

In addition to the Community Fare linking remote and outback QLD with Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns, the discounted fare will also be offered between the regional communities resulting in more than 70 different fare combinations throughout the State. The Community Fare will be available outside of 60 days prior to departure subject to Community Fare availability in addition to all remaining unsold seats within 24 hours prior to departure being made available as Community Fares. The QLD Community Fare will initially be operated under a six month trial for sales and travel from August 2019 until January 2020. *Please refer to Annex A for the fare levels to/from Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and Mount Isa.*

The Federal Senate report that was released on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 into the operation, regulation and funding of air route service delivery to rural and remote communities gave high praise to the Rex Community Fare scheme. The Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee made nine recommendations in the report, with the ninth recommendation calling for the community fare approach to be generalised across more regional air services to make last-minute travel more affordable.

Warrick Lodge, Rex General Manager Network Strategy & Sales said, "Rex pioneered the revolutionary Community-Fare scheme for regional air services, and we are very pleased to be expanding the scheme throughout remote and outback QLD with many communities doing it tough due to the prolonged drought conditions".

"I would like to thank Brisbane Airport Corporation, Toowoomba Wellcamp Airport and a number of the smaller regional airports for supporting the introduction of the Rex Community Fare throughout remote and outback QLD with varied incentive type arrangements that are designed to mutually benefit the airport, the airline and the communities. Without this partnership approach between the airline and the airports, the introduction of the Rex Community Fare throughout QLD would not be possible".

Transport and Main Roads Minister, Mark Bailey, welcomed the announcement, saying it was another boost for regional communities during the Year of Outback Tourism.

"The Palaszczuk Government already works closely with operators like Rex to offer affordable travel options for regional Queenslanders through our local fare scheme and regulated air routes," Mr Bailey said.

"Programs like this by the business community, add to the \$14.5 billion we're delivering in roads and transport for regional Queensland, supporting communities by connecting them."

The Rex Community Fare (Rex Promo) is available for purchase via [www.rex.com.au](http://www.rex.com.au).

**Regional Express (Rex)** is Australia's largest independent regional airline operating a fleet of more than 50 Saab 340 aircraft on some 1,500 weekly flights to 60 destinations throughout all states in Australia. In addition to the regional airline Regional Express, the **Rex Group** comprises wholly-owned subsidiaries **Pel-Air Aviation** (air freight, aeromedical and charter operator) and the **Australian Airline Pilot Academy**.

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## Regional Express

Rex Community Fare Levels to/from Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and Mount Isa

Between Brisbane and:	Previous Best Fare	Rex Community Fare
Wellcamp	\$152.00	\$119.00
St George	\$213.00	\$155.00
Cunnamulla	\$255.00	\$185.00
Thargomindah	\$279.00	\$199.00
Charleville	\$242.00	\$179.00
Quilpie	\$256.00	\$185.00
Windorah	\$299.00	\$219.00
Birdsville	\$350.00	\$249.00
Bedourie	\$355.00	\$255.00
Boulia	\$366.00	\$260.00
Mount Isa	\$399.00	\$299.00

Between Townsville and:	Previous Best Fare	Community Fare
Winton	\$207.00	\$149.00
Longreach	\$231.00	\$179.00
Hughenden	\$161.00	\$119.00
Richmond	\$186.00	\$135.00
Julia Creek	\$225.00	\$163.00
Mount Isa	\$309.00	\$231.00

Between Cairns and:	Previous Best Fare	Community Fare
Normanton	\$274.00	\$209.00
Karumba	\$274.00	\$209.00
Burketown	\$318.00	\$239.00
Doomadgee	\$341.00	\$249.00
Mount Isa	\$274.00	\$199.00*

Note \* direct non-stop services only

Between Mount Isa and:	Previous Best Fare	Community Fare
Boulia	\$135.00	\$109.00
Bedourie	\$179.00	\$139.00
Birdsville	\$235.00	\$179.00
Julia Creek	\$125.00	\$109.00
Richmond	\$146.00	\$129.00
Hughenden	\$202.00	\$155.00
Doomadgee	\$213.00	\$165.00
Burketown	\$218.00	\$165.00

# WHAT'S ON IN THE DIAMANTINA

## CHANNEL COUNTRY RIMFIRE CHALLENGE HOSTED BY BEDOURIE GUN CLUB AUGUST 17 AT BEDOURIE SSAA RANGE COMMENCING FIRE 0800HRS



60 Rounds .22LR @ 50 metres over 1.5 hours. Twenty rounds prone, twenty standing and twenty sitting or kneeling positions. Trophies for highest scorer each position and overall topshot. You will need a Telescope equipped Rifle chambered for .22LR  
60 rounds for Match, extra rounds for pre match zeroing, hearing protection a shooting mat or similar.



REGISTRATION FEE OF \$30 INCLUDES BBQ LUNCH, REGISTRATIONS RECIEVED AFTER 1ST OF AUGUST ATTRACT A \$40 REGISTRATION FEE. LADIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COMPETE. FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CLUB SECRETARY ON 0428633086 OR [ADMIN@SSAABEDOURIE.ORG.AU](mailto:ADMIN@SSAABEDOURIE.ORG.AU)



# WHAT'S ON IN THE DIAMANTINA



## SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2019



BAR &  
CATERING ON SITE

NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE  
NO BYO ALCOHOL



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# BETOOTA RACES LIVE ENTERTAINMENT Friday & Saturday Nights MOTHER'S 2ND CHOICE



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~ BOOKMAKERS ON COURSE ~ SKY CHANNEL ~ AUCTION ~  
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# WHAT'S ON IN THE DIAMANTINA

SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH 2019  
BEDOURIE RACES AND RODEO  
DRESS THE DESERT IN PINK  
Supporting Breast Cancer Awareness

CONTACT BEDOURIE AMATEUR RACE CLUB  
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# WHAT'S ON IN THE DIAMANTINA



## BETOOTA



HORSE & MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER  
&  
SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2019



HORSE GYMKHANA ~ 8AM ~ SATURDAY  
SANTOS MOTORBIKE ENDURO ~ 4PM ~ SATURDAY  
MOTORBIKE GYMKHANA ~ 8AM ~ SUNDAY

**BAR & CATERING ON SITE NO BYO ALCOHOL**  
**Music & Bar Open ~ Friday & Saturday Nights**



Betoota Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana  
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# WHAT'S ON IN THE DIAMANTINA

## *Trash, Treasure, Craft Market*

Sunday

29th September

9am - 11.30am

Birdsville

Community Hall

Please email

[Betootaraceclubinc@gmail.com](mailto:Betootaraceclubinc@gmail.com)

if you would like a table

( \$10 stall/table fee fundraising for  
Betoota Race Club )



# WHAT'S ON IN THE DIAMANTINA

SAVE THE  
DATE  
23RD OF  
NOVEMBER

BEDOURIE

HANDLEBARS &  
HORNS

BULL RIDE \$5,000  
PLUS FEATURE BULL  
\$1,000

ENDURO & BIKE  
EVENTS

\$10,000

BAR AND FOOD  
ENTERTAINMENT  
BIKEKHANA  
ENDURO  
BULL RIDE

ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT  
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Ph (08) 8670 7962

The Diamantina Information Centre  
www.thediamantina.com.au

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Birdsville Buzz, the Big Red and Diamantina (30 minutes)  
A wonderful way to see the main iconic features of Birdsville from the sky. View s from the famous racecourse to the Simpsons biggest dune Big Red.

2 Passengers: \$260 per person  
3-5 Passengers: \$140 per person

## EXPERIENCE THE BREATHTAKING BIRDSVILLE AND SURROUNDS



**Coongie Lakes** (2 hours)  
Feeding off the Channel Country flight we continue further out east paying visit to a series of lakes and waterholes known as the Coongie lakes, fed by the Cooper Creek system.

2 Passengers: \$800 per person  
3 Passengers: \$650 per person  
4 - 5 Passengers: \$525 per person

**The Channel Country** (1.5 hours)  
Departing Birdsville we continue flying further south, exploring one of Lake Eyre's main channels the Diamantina River and the Goyder Lagoon swampland!


2 Passengers: \$550 per person  
3 Passengers: \$390 per person  
4 - 5 Passengers: \$320 per person

**Lake Eyre Day Tour** (4.0 hours flight time)  
Our ultimate day experience getaway leaving Birdsville in the morning for the famous Lake Eyre via the channel country and deserts with a rest stop at the renowned William Creek Hotel for lunch before returning to Birdsville.

2 Passengers: \$1980 per person  
3 Passengers: \$1320 per person  
4 - 5 Passengers: \$980 per person



**Innaminka & Burke and Wills Dig Tree Half Day Tour** (3.0 hours flight time)  
An adventure, great value for money half day tour! We visit all the places in the previous flights and also visit the Dig tree to get a true appreciation of the Burke and Wills expedition. Includes 1 hour lunch stopover at Innaminka.

2 Passengers: \$1320 per person  
3 Passengers: \$880 per person  
4 - 5 Passengers: \$660 per person

### Discover the True Outback

*Touring done the Outback Way!*


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www.birdsvilleadventuretours.com.au

Your epic adventure of Australia is never truly complete without a trip to Birdsville!

Journey to the final frontier that is the heart of the channel country. Find your zen amongst the ancient red dunes of the Simpson desert, stand in the sands of Big Red, or by the stillness of a billabong at sunset.

Enjoy a digital detox filled with family fun & adventure, or rest and relaxation - it's completely up to you!

**SUNRISE & SUNSET TOURS ON BIG RED**  
Watch the day begin or end across the amazing red dunes of the Simpson Desert from the top of Big Red whilst enjoying beautiful Australian produce.

**HARLEY DAVIDSON TOURS**  
Whether you are young or young at heart, this is something you MUST do when in Birdsville! Take all the photos and videos you want whilst relaxing on the back of one of our Roadking Harleys.

**POEPEL CORNER DAY OR OVERNIGHT TOURS**  
Where the border of 3 states meet! Travel the QAA line out from Birdsville crossing the biggest dunes of the Simpson desert. Or experience an amazing overnight Adventure Tour, sleeping out under the stars, around a campfire.

**EYRE CREEK TOURS**  
Come and tackle the desert with us! Travel 24 kilometres into the Simpson Desert crossing many spectacular sand hills and into the Munga-Thirri National Park and visit the picturesque Eyre Creek. Or tag-along tours are available for both the experienced or inexperienced 4 wheel drivers!


**FLYING TOURS**  
The Outback Pub Crawl. Take in some of the most beautiful and remote sites that Australia has to offer that can only be seen from the air as well as dropping into the most unique outback hotels! The Outback Pub Crawl is certainly bucket list material, and to do it by air is the only way!

For all prices or enquiries visit our website or call  
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www.birdsvilleadventuretours.com.au









## TONIGHT IN BIRDSVILLE

### MARTIN'S NIGHT SKY PRESENTATION

BOOKINGS 0417 800 409



Join Martin for a Laypersons Presentation of the Southern Night Sky.  
A fun and educational 30-40 minute Activity suitable for any age and nationality

Viewing by the naked eye & some binocular use  
Adults \$20, under 18 \$10, under 10 No charge  
For Family & Group prices please contact Martin.

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## National Bronco Branding Championships 24th & 25th August 2019

**Drover's Camp, Barkly Highway Camooweal QLD**

Starting time 8:00 am

**Open - \$5,000**

*Nominations \$70 per team*

**Doubles - \$6,000**

*Nominations \$80 per team*

**Old Timers - \$1,000** (All team members 65 years & over)

*Nominations \$24 per team*

**Novice - \$3,500**

*Nominations \$55 per team*

**Beginners - \$2,000**

*Nominations \$45 per team*

**Insurance \$17 per person**

**Prizes for Best Working Horse & Most Improved Bronco Brander**

Queensland Bronco Branding Committee rules apply

**Bar & Catering Available**

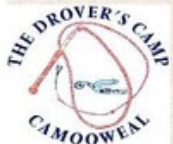
*Toilets and showers available*

*Free camping for Bronco Branding competitors only*

*Nomination forms available at [droverscamp.com.au](http://droverscamp.com.au) or nominate on the day*

*Early nominations and inquiries to;*

*e: [info@droverscamp.com.au](mailto:info@droverscamp.com.au) p: Drovers Camp 07 4748 2022 m: Ellen Finlay 0427 127 864*



**Windorah Rodeo Club Inc**  
Gymkhana, Bronco Branding and Stockman's Challenge  
13th & 14th July 2019

**Horse and Motorbike Gymkhana**  
Starts 8am - Saturday 13th July 2019  
Motorbikes start after horse events conclude.  
Nomination: \$20 kids & \$40 Adults.  
Nomination fee includes entry into all events per age group.  
Age Division 7 & under, 7 & under, 8-11 years, 12-15 years, Ladies & Mens.  
Events: Bending Race, Flag Race, Barrel Race, Figure of 8, Keyhole, Walk, Trot & Lead.  
Free kids games and foot races.  
Open events: Guzzlers Race, Bang & Go Back, Rescue Race & Barrel Race.  
Kids motorbikes limited to 250cc. No adults 4 wheelers.  
All kids must wear a helmet.  
All motorbike competitors must wear a helmet.

**Bronco Branding**  
Starts 8am Sunday 14th July 2019  
Prize pool over \$5000  
Novice - Nom: \$15  
Singles - Nom: \$60/team  
Doubles - Nom: \$75/team

**Stockman's Challenge**  
Starts 8am Sunday 14th July 2019  
Jump 13 & under (Led, dry & obstacle course) Nom: \$20  
Encouragement (Led, dry & obstacle course) Nom: \$25  
Open - Wet & Dry Work Nom: \$30  
For more information contact the Windorah Information Centre 46563063  
Canteen, Bar, Entertainment & camping at the grounds.

**Bullock Ride Saturday night**

Gate Entry \$5

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## BEDOURIE QGAP

Bedourie QGAP services  
(registrations, licencing, logbooks, weapons licencing  
etc.) have changed opening hours as of the  
30th of July 2019.

New opening hours are  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8am til 4pm.

If you can't attend during these times please make  
contact with myself on (07) 4744 1601 or  
access the TMR online services  
at: <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Online-services>.

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# CRIP TIC CORNER

You are in a cabin and it is pitch black.  
You have one match on you.  
Which do you light first, the newspaper, the  
lamp, the candle, or the fire?

In a year, there are 12 months.  
Seven months have 31 days.  
How many months have 28 days?

What has a mouth,  
but cannot eat;  
moves, but has no legs;  
and has a bank,  
but cannot put money in it?

A boy is walking down the road  
with a doctor.  
While the boy is the doctor's  
son, the doctor is not the boy's  
father.  
Then who is the doctor?

Give me food,  
and I will live;  
give me water,  
and I will die.  
What am I?

You are a cyclist in a  
cross-country race.  
Just before the crossing finish  
line, you overtake the person in  
second place.  
In what place did you finish?

Which travels faster?  
Hot or Cold?

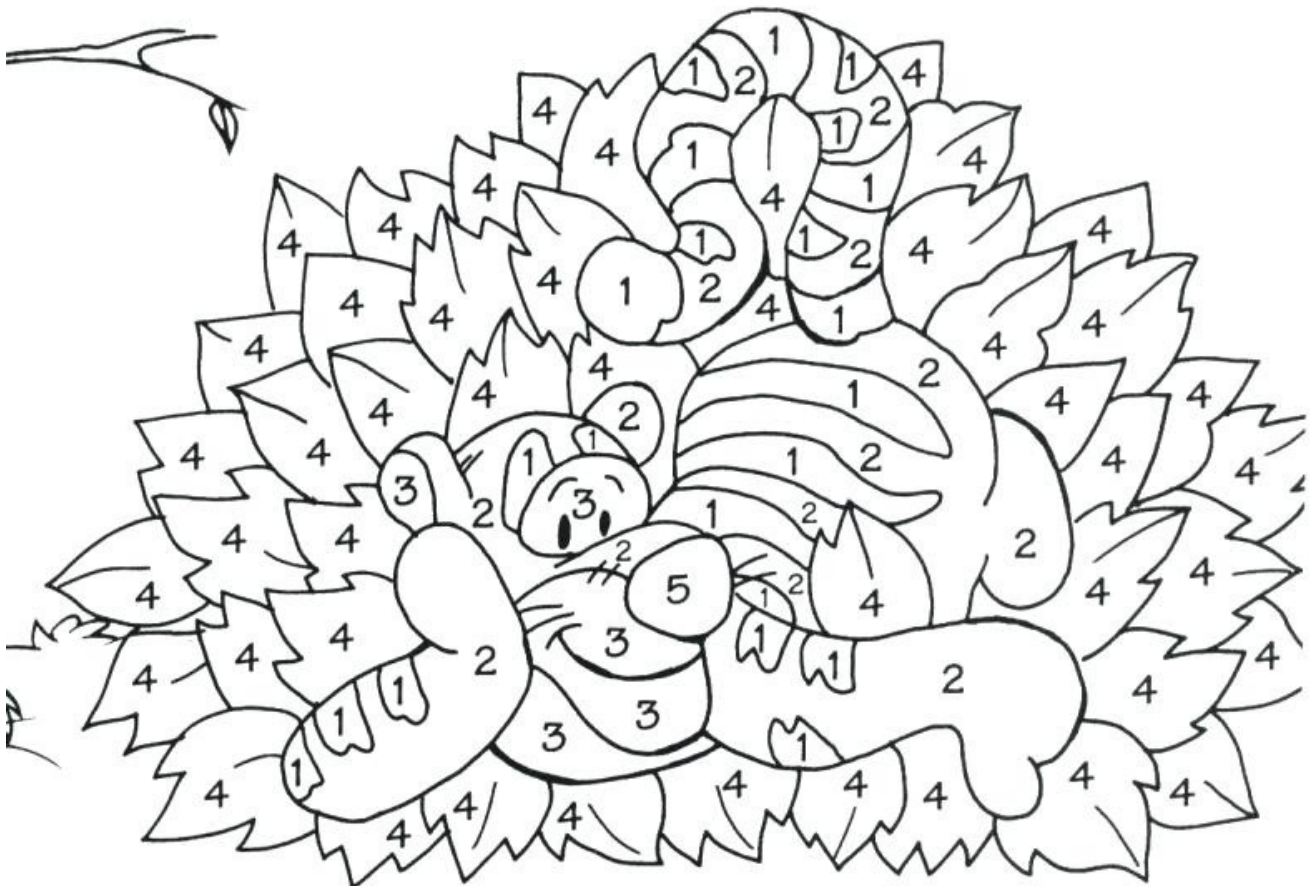
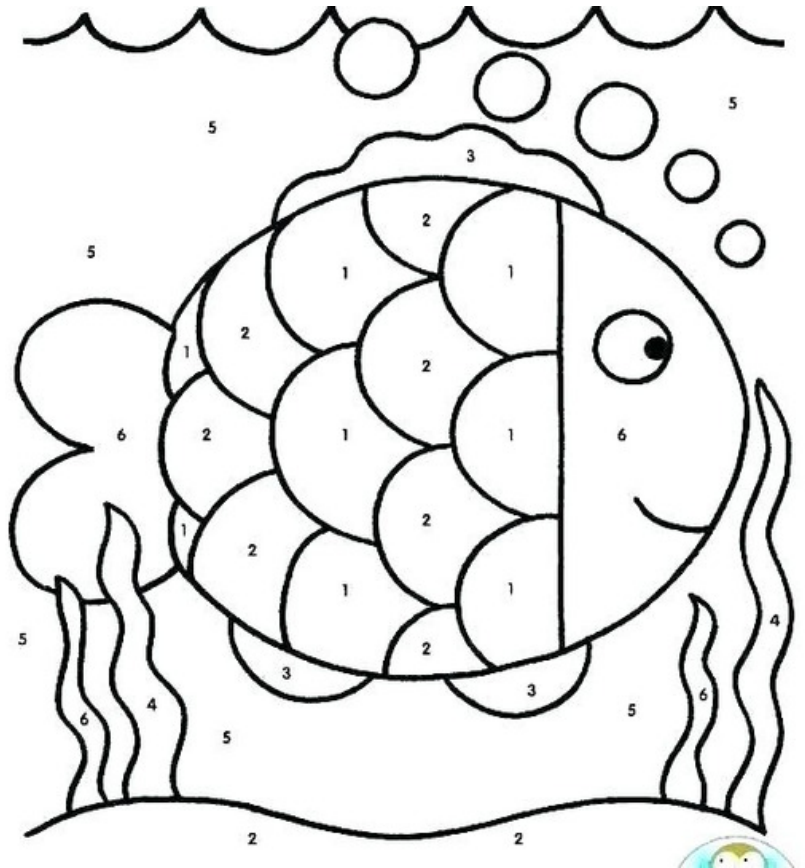
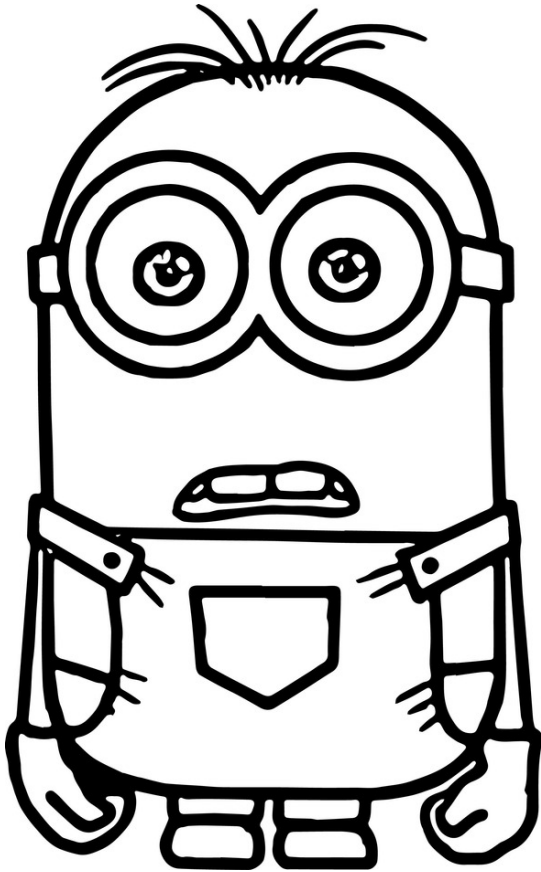
What is full of holes  
but can still hold  
water?

I have no voice, yet I speak to you.  
I tell of all things in the world that people do.  
I have leaves, but I am not a tree.  
I have pages, but I am not a bride.  
I have a spine, but I am not a man.  
I have hinges, but I am not a door. I have told you all.  
I cannot tell you more.  
What am I?

There are three houses.  
One is red, one is blue, and one is white.  
If the red house is to the left of the house  
in the middle,  
and the blue house is to the right to the  
house in the middle,  
where is the white house?



# KIDS CORNER



1= black 2=orange 3=yellow 4=green 5=pink

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# SOCIAL MEDIA



Are you on Social Media?

Have you liked our Facebook page?

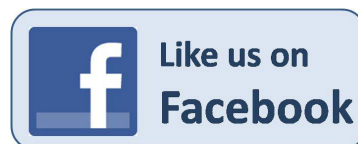
Share your photos and posts from the beautiful Diamantina Shire to the Diamantina Facebook and Instagram pages.

You may just see your photo in the next Desert Yarns.

Use the following hashtags

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Australia Day  
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## 16 March

Bedourie Golf Day  
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## 25 April

Anzac Day  
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## 22 June

Bedourie Rugby League 9's  
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## 29-30 June

Birdsville Horse &  
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FB: Birdsville Social Club  
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## 5-7 July

Bedourie Campdraft Rodeo  
Bronco Branding  
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## 13 July

Bedourie Pig & Camel Races  
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## 16-18 July

Big Red Bash: Midnight Oil  
& Kasey Chambers  
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## 26-28 July

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## 30-31 August 2019

Betoota Races  
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## 6-7 September

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## 14 September

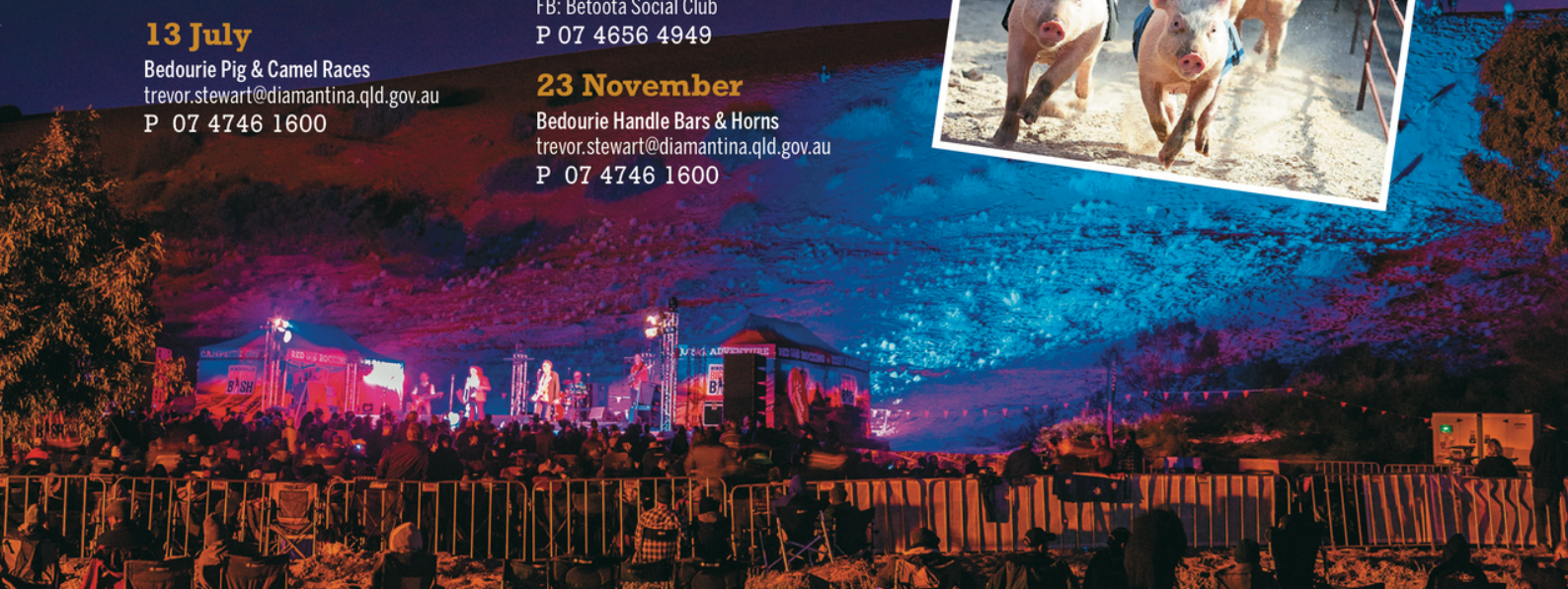
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## 21-22 September

Betoota Horse & Motorbike Gymkhana  
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## 23 November

Bedourie Handle Bars & Horns  
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