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DESERT YARNS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

ROB DARE

Hello to Diamantina Shire residents and friends outside who still take an interest in the Shire.

I would like to ask your help with the distribution of Diamantina's Desert Yarns.

Some people may have dropped off our mailing list for Desert Yarns and may not have computer access if you know somebody that would like to be put on mailing list contact 0747461600 (administration).

Shire councillors have completed Elected Members Update with Local Government Association personnel in the boardroom at Bedourie on !

Eric Denham Regional Director of Main Roads from Barcaldine visited the shire on 15th September to discuss progressing the bitumen of Bedourie – Birdsville, Roadtek will do one section of road, and depending on kilometre rate costs from Council & Roadtek on remaining unsealed road including realignment at Cacoory Ruins as too how many kilometres will be left.

We know that the dirt road around Cuttaburra won't be sealed but will give you an update after a couple of sections completed.

Council had ordinary meeting on 21st September, agenda and minutes can be found on Diamantina Shire website.

Ceo and myself attended a Rapad zoom meeting on 2nd October.

Ceo councillors Murray, Cooms and myself will attend Local Government Conference on 20th & 21st October 2020.

I would like to thank and congratulate the Rural Fire Brigade and community members who extinguished the fire in our roadhouse on Tuesday 15th September.

Everyone did a fantastic job to be up at 4.00 am, the professionalism, including Lucy with Ambulance, everyone did an incredible job, thanks everybody again.

It was very much appreciated and will remember you all when we reopen.

The BOM is predicting a La Nina event I hope everybody who needs rain gets it, and life becomes a bit more enjoyable!

Regards

Robbie Dare





CEO CATCH UP

LEON LOVE
CEO

The format and content of Desert Yarns has changed over the years depending on the wishes of the Council.

The current council reviewed the structure of the Desert Yarns and primarily wants it to be an informative newsletter on council activities, community events and pages allocated to updates from health, education and police in Bedourie and Birdsville. It won't have advertising for individuals or businesses. The Council meeting minutes won't be included but a link to the Council webpage will be inserted.

The September council meeting was a long one relative to others and a summary is provided below:

Council has approved the reprint of 10000 Diamantina Visitor Guides at a cost of \$11,180.

Lachlan Miller, Member for Gregory attended the meeting briefly to gain insight into Council's priority projects and issues.

Council agreed to progress the construction of the fixed concrete batching plant in the Bedourie depot over a 2 year period, delaying the construction of the concrete material bunds and additional concrete areas until the batching plant is operational allowing time to review the proposed layout against what is actually required operationally. Stage 1 is estimated to cost \$280,000 with stage 3 being \$322,000.

Council agreed to submit a Waterway Barrier Works application to the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. The application is seeking to replace the collapsed pipes in the Old Diamantina River Crossing at Birdsville with similar pipes allowing the height of the current crossing to be maintained and trafficable for light vehicles. The application fee is \$13,248 and it is expected that a response won't be provided for many months. If approved, this solution would cost approximately \$140,000.

Council has traditionally implemented a closedown for all work areas within council with only a skeleton crew working over the Christmas/New Year period. This year is no different however the closedown for all areas except the Workshop has been extended. Administration and Visitor Centres will be closed from 3pm 18th December 2020 and will reopen on the 11 January 2021. The extended time recognises that Bedourie and Birdsville are very quiet during this time and most government departments and suppliers that council deals with are closed. Basic council services will continue in each town during the closedown and some roadworks staff who have not accrued enough annual leave may undertake work during this time as required by the Infrastructure Manager.

Council is making its steam cleaner available for hire at \$35/day to allow those who want to clean carpets in their house to do so. Council reviewed the Recruitment and Selection Policy, Complaints about the CEO policy and Complaints Process - Administrative Action Complaints Policy.

Council had been offered significant funding by the Qld Reconstruction Authority to upgrade 5 x Bureau of Meteorology manual river gauge site to an automatic river height gauge, rain gauge and camera. Proposed sites were Durrie, Roseberth, Glengyle, Bedourie and Monkira. After considering the benefits to information gathered from these sites to assist road closure decisions and the ongoing maintenance costs to Council, it was agreed that Council would only take up the offer of funding to upgrade the Monkira site. Staff will work with Department of Transport & Main Roads staff and the QRA to make this happen.

Council has reallocated funding previously earmarked for the refurbishment of the Bedourie Aboriginal Corporation Houses as a result of recently identified Native Title issues. This is an extremely disappointing outcome due to circumstances beyond Council's control and will see the BAC houses to continue to remain vacant due to their state of disrepair. Whether this housing is ever used again is now in the hands of other parties who do not live in Bedourie. Council will now explore options to borrow funds to construct housing in both towns, while we watch the condition of the BAC housing deteriorate further.



Council resolved to offer surplus land and a house in Birdsville available for sale by auction. This includes land in the Birdsville industrial area following the formation of Mudrock Street allowing drive through access to some blocks, large residential blocks in Birdsville, a house at 30 Adelaide Street Birdsville and vacant land opposite the clinic. Further details are on Council's website or contact John Tully at City and Country Realty in Mt Isa.

Council adopted a revised master-plan for Anzac Park in Birdsville and a new masterplan for Anzac Park in Bedourie. The masterplans are provided on following pages. The main changes for Anzac Park Birdsville includes relocating the playground, replacing the education bike-path with a skate/scoot park and removing the exercise equipment. The changes were made after considering that the role of the park (gives it's location) is to service the needs of travellers with relevant infrastructure which is also available to residents and also the ability to meet funding timeframes. The solid structures (playground, skatepark, half basketball court, paths) will be constructed in time for Christmas. Irrigation etc will completed by June 30 2021. External contractors will be engaged to oversee construction and complete the more complex work. A total of \$693,000 has been allocated for Stage 1 & 2 of this park upgrade.

The Bedourie Anzac Park masterplan includes a skate/scoot park, a remodelled BMX track, extending the playground area east and include the swings in this space, a solid roof over the playground and a path to the skatepark. The skatepark and associated concrete path will be funded from Drought Communities Program and a variation has been sought for this to occur with it being constructed in time for Christmas. A total of \$282,500 has been allocated for the skatepark and irrigation. The balance of identified work will be funded over time.

Council has approved assisting the Simpson Desert Oasis through the hire of Council resources following the fire at the roadhouse which gutted the main building.

In other news, the Proposed Diamantina Shire Planning Scheme is on public display and has been sent to the Qld Government for State Interest checks. See a copy of the public notice later in the Desert Yarns. The Proposed Planning Scheme is available for viewing on Councils website at <https://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/news/article/26/proposed-planning-scheme>. The new planning scheme will comply with amendments to the planning legislation and generally the intent and development requirements are very similar if not the same in most instances as the previous planning scheme. It is designed to allow sensible development in the appropriate areas of towns without too much involvement from Council.

I'm happy to answer questions where I can.

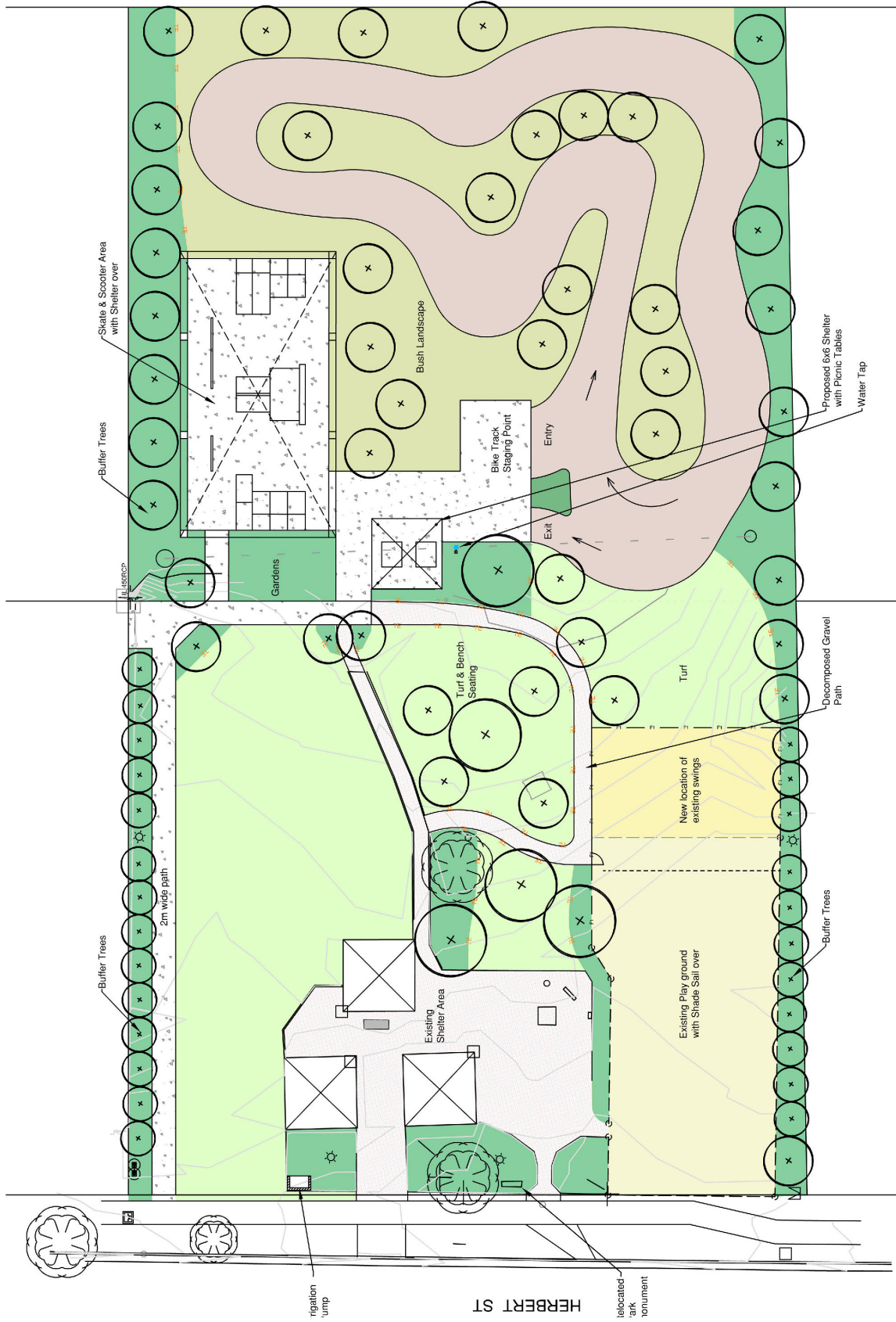
Regards
Leon Love

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CEO CATCH UP

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CEO

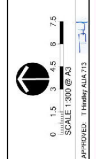


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BEDOURE ANZAC PARK
CONCEPT BASE



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Client
DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL
Project
Landscape Master Plan



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INFRASTRUCTURE INFO

TREVOR STEWART
INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGER

Current Projects:

Construction & Maintenance Crews:

- Birdsville Developmental Road Birdsville / Windorah: 11km of gravel re-sheeting in sections between chainage 222.35 to 172.11.
- Big Red Road Stage 2: Pave and seal has commenced, we expect to begin sealing in or around the 3rd December.
- Marion Downs Flood Restoration Work
The stabilisation of the road pavement has been completed, October will see contractors starting on the batter protection and margin works. Seal will be completed by the end of October.

Facilities Crew

- Store Building Upgrade
All the underground services have been completed for the new store building. We will commence the concreting of the ramp and landing by the end of the month. The mezzanine has been completed, the stairs and hand rails are now in place. The office space has been framed up and we are awaiting the IT department and electrician to complete their areas.
- Bedourie Racecourse
Power upgrade associated with amenities upgrade will be completed by End of Year.



Upcoming projects:

Department of Transport & Main Roads

- RMPC Contract
- DTMR Flood Damage Work March 19
- Yamba Flats Pave and Seal Bedourie Birdsville Road in 2021

Shire Roads Flood Damage March 19

Upgrades to Anzac Parks in Birdsville & Bedourie

Installation of Solar Power Project in Birdsville & Bedourie

Oval Rejuvenation Project Birdsville-Bedourie

Birdsville Tourist Park – Park Laundry upgrades, office upgrade, PWD amenity

Trevor Stewart
Infrastructure Manager



COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

STEPHEN SCHWER



I hope you are coping as best you can on the rollercoaster ride that is 2020!

Remember that it's OK to not be OK. In October, Mental Health Week has reminded us of the need to look after ourselves. The whole world is suffering anxiety and are nervous at what is coming next, so if you feel this way, please reach out to those around you. If the support you need goes beyond that which your friends and family can/are qualified to provide, services like Lifeline (13 11 14 or visit www.lifeline.org.au) and Beyond Blue (1300 224 636 or visit www.beyondblue.org.au) are there to help. If you have children who are anxious, or you aren't sure how to best guide your children through the range of emotions they are feeling, organisations like Kids Help Line (1800 551 800 or visit www.kidshelpline.com.au) can assist. Don't be anxious alone.

Whilst COVID-19 is still impacting the world, it is good to see visitors coming to our towns and locals getting out and about again. It's great to have travellers coming through, and as many local jobs rely on the income they provide, please make it a goal of yours to help at least one person you don't know each day. If every local does this, the word of mouth will continue to travel that the Diamantina is a friendly, relaxed place to visit.

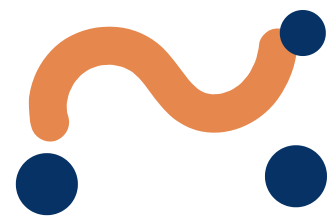
With the increase in visitors to the region, the tourism team at Council has grown accordingly. Welcome to new Assistant Managers of the Birdsville Tourist Park and Birdsville Lodge Peter and Helen. Also joining the accommodation team is Prue. If you see any of this team around town please welcome them to the area. We are also recruiting new Managers, with retirement beckoning for Larry and Trish. Thank you Larry and Trish for your hard work!

Three of the major industries in the Diamantina Shire are Local Government Services, Agriculture and Tourism. These three industries combined to host the Queensland Governor in Birdsville recently, with the Governor touring Outback Queensland on a Drought Relief and Tourism Recovery tour. Queensland Governor Paul de Jersey AC QC has visited the Diamantina Shire several times since his appointment in 2014, and we thank him and his office for taking time to visit Birdsville and hear from Local Government, Tourism and Agriculture employees and business owners and managers about the impact the drought and COVID-19 have had on the region.

We are also recruiting a new Children's Services Facilitator for Birdsville, so that we can reopen the Birdsville Playgroup. It is hoped that by early November the facility will be open again – yay!

I want to remind everyone that the Bedourie and Birdsville libraries are open. If you don't have a library card, get one – it's fantastic! It allows you access to free movies, ebooks, audio books, music and much more, as well as, of course, books! If we don't have what you want at Birdsville or Bedourie, and it's in the library system, we can order it in for you free of charge. So become a Rural Library member now!

Yours in physical distance but community spirit,
Stephen.



POLICE NEWS

WITH SENIOR CONSTABLE
KURT DUNLOP
AND STEPHAN PURSEL,
OFFICER IN CHARGE



Bedourie police would like to remind everyone about the need to continue physical distancing and ensuring hand sanitisation occurs to prevent any possible spread in Bedourie.

Only if we all follow the health directions will we be able to beat COVID-19. Information regarding the latest Health Directions are available at www.health.qld.gov.au.

Road Safety Week occurred from 24-28th August, and even though it is now passed, I still urge all drivers to drive to the speed limits, especially through the 40km/h school zone during morning and afternoon drop off/pick up and on the dirt roads.

My desire is to continue having safe roads, safe vehicles and safe drivers.

Bedourie Police:

Emergency... 000 (112 from mobile)

Policelink online reporting (preferred method)

Policelink App

Bedourie Police Station during

office hours..... 4744 1600

Crime stoppers.....1800 330 000

Bedourie QGAP

Bedourie QGAP is open Thursdays and Fridays between 8am and 4pm.

Please look for the QGAP OPEN A-frame to signify when QGAP is open.

Outside these hours please leave a message on 4744 1601 and we will endeavour to get back to you during office hours.

TMR online services are also available at <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Online-services> where you can perform tasks such as:

Change QLD address

Renew Qld driver licence,

Renew Qld registration

Receive reminders for renewals

Pay fines

Enrol in Prep L (to get a learner licence)





CONNECTING ON CANVAS *IN BOULIA*



FREE
An initiative of the Central West Disaster Mental Health Recovery Program
- A FUN CREATIVE COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE -

OCT FRI 30TH
KIDS PAINT SESSION
1.30pm to 2.30pm

OCT SAT 31ST
OPEN TO ALL SESSION
11.30am to 2.30pm

NOV SUN 1ST
OPEN TO ALL SESSION
1pm to 4pm

FREE EVENT | ALL EQUIPMENT AND REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED | RSVP BEFORE 28TH OCT | NO SKILL REQUIRED
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Save the Date

Bedourie P&C

Christmas Tree

Wednesday 2nd

December 6:00pm

Bedourie Aquatic Centre



P & C Fundraiser,

Christmas is just around the corner and we have got you covered for your Puddings!

Take a look at the selection below and if anything tickles your fancy, order forms can be found at

the School or see Amy Ball (0427 465 641) and Rachel Dunlop (0468 488 439).

Orders need to be

handed in by the 30th of October.



Itha's Puddings & Gourmet Foods



Traditional Pudding – uses Itha's Grandmother's recipe circa 1910 to produce a full flavoured, moist pudding that is exactly like the puddings of your childhood CHOICE Magazine's Best Pudding in Australia. Gold Medal Australian Food Awards 2016.



Gluten Free Traditional Pudding – uses the same recipe as our Traditional Pudding using rice flour and GF breadcrumb sourced from a specialty baker in SA. So good, you can't tell the difference between the Traditional and GF variety.



Macadamia & Apricot Pudding – based on Itha's 1910 recipe with the addition, of Australian macadamias diced apricots and our very own apricot puree. Gold Medal winner 2018 Australian Food Awards.



Triple Chocolate Pudding – contains only sultanas as the fruit ingredient, with dark chocolate buds and the finest raw cocoa powder for an indulgent chocolate experience. Contains a small amount of preservative due to the raw cocoa powder. Gold Medal at Sydney Food Awards.



Gluten Free Triple Chocolate Pudding – a real treat for all of our gluten intolerant friends. Based on the standard Triple Chocolate Pudding but using rice flour and our special GF breadcrumbs. Contains a small amount of preservative due to the raw cocoa powder.



Gluten & Lactose Free Fig & Pear Pudding – a rich figgy pudding with a pear topping that ticks all the boxes for gluten and lactose intolerance. A real taste sensation that sells just as well to those who are not gluten or lactose sensitive. Gold Medal Australia Food Awards 2016.



Gluten Free Date & Treacle Pudding – new in 2018 – evokes all the taste and aroma of a baked sticky date pudding but made in the traditional manner of boiled puddings. Great also served cold from the fridge as a treat with coffee or to kick start those Christmas cocktail parties.



Vegan Pudding – Our basic Traditional Pudding based on the 1910 recipe but without eggs or dairy. A slightly softer texture but the same full bodied traditional pudding aroma and taste. Now our vegan friends can have the full Christmas experience! Sizes 250g, 500g and 1kg only.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



Three steps to Get Ready

- Now is the time for all Queenslanders to make sure they're ready for the upcoming severe weather season to protect what's most important.
- Make sure you're ready before disaster strikes.
- Have a Household Emergency Plan, Pack and Emergency Kit and check your insurance so you know you're covered.



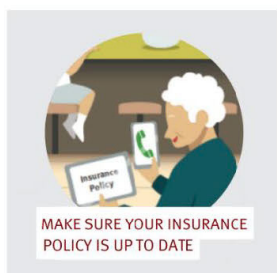
Step one: Make a plan

- The best way to ensure everyone knows what to do and where to go in an emergency is by keeping a Household Emergency Plan.
- Sit down with your family and make a list of important contacts like family and friends who live out of town, doctors, insurance providers, utility providers; emergency meeting places, and details on where you'd stay if you needed to evacuate quickly.



Step two: Pack supplies

- Keep a waterproof kit full of emergency supplies you'd need to last at least three days at home if you were isolated due to flooding.
- Include plenty of non-perishable food and water; a torch; battery powered radio, toiletries including tissues and hand sanitiser; face masks; disinfectant wipes; spare batteries, gas cooker, medication, and board games to help pass the time.



Step three: Check your insurance

- Both renters and homeowners should be covered for disasters and should be familiar with their coverage details.
- Make sure your home and contents insurance cover is up to date and provides adequate cover for your unique needs.
- Call your insurer if you have any questions about your policy.

For more information on how to get prepared

visit getready.qld.gov.au



PANDEMIC HISTORY

FROM the VAULT – Queensland Border Policing During 1919 Influenza Outbreak

From late January to May 1919, the Queensland and New South Wales border was closed to help stop or at least slow, the spread of the influenza virus, later identified as H1N1, into the state. The Health Acts 1900 to 1917, authorised the Queensland Commissioner of Public Health to issue regulations for state intervention of a person's civil rights such as mandatory examination, detention and isolation of anyone likely to have been infected or who had been in contact with anyone sick. In 1919, regulations issued by John Moore, the Commissioner of Public Health, empowered Police Officers to use reasonable force required to prevent any breach, or to apprehend any person, who had committed or was suspected of committing a breach of the public health laws.

On 28 January 1919, Queensland Police Commissioner Urquhart issued instructions to stop all persons from crossing into Queensland from New South Wales. Inspectors at Toowoomba and the Depot were directed to provide necessary help to all border stations by means of extra men and horses. Soon after, an additional officer was sent to the border towns of Coolangatta and Wallangarra. Eventually, 11 more officers from the Depot were sent to Coolangatta, equipped with 2 Bell tents, 22 brown blankets and 11 x bush rugs, waterproof sheet, pillows and slips and bed covers, for their accommodation and use.

Initially Coolangatta, Wallangarra and Goondiwindi were the only towns with dedicated border crossing points under Pneumonic Influenza Regulations. Though Wallangarra camp was located entirely within the territory of New South Wales, it was run by the Queensland government and health officials. The government's decision to rigidly adhere to only three entry points resulted in significant number of applications for exemptions from the public. In the face of such pressure, the government soon relented and established a medical screening process allowing bona fide Queenslanders to return to the state via Wompah, Hungerford, Wooroorooka, Adelaide Gate and Mungindi. Border patrols were also operating out of Killarney, Stanthorpe, Texas and Hebel among other locations. Penalties for breaching Pneumonic Influenza Regulations ranged from fines of £2-£20 to short-term imprisonment. In one case, from 12 February 1919, a man travelled to Blackall from the southern border over 600 kilometres, before he was located. He was subsequently isolated for 7 days and then prosecuted for breaching the regulations. The offender admitted to crossing the border at Mungindi, walking to Dirranbandi, then back to Thallon via Warwick, Toowoomba and Brisbane before being arrested at Blackall.

Quarantine Camp 1919



DIAMANTINA HISTORY

10 November 1892

JAMES MILLAR HORSE STEALING.

Re: James Millar on remand from Sydney to Birdsville charged with horse stealing see Gazette page 141, 16 July 1892.

Sergt McDonald reg. no 413 reports that Millar arrested here on 29th last month on bail to appear on the 8th inst Millar was present on the 8th inst and was further remanded to the 24th January 1893 for further evidence. Millar has many friends here Mr Ridge manager of Salmonville and William McCulloch manager of Pandy South Australia went in a buggy to mend the coach took him off and drove him into Birdsville Ridge is related to Millar and McCulloch is the man who was summoned for assaulting the little black boy last year.

When Millar and his friends arrived the first place they went to was to see the Police magistrate had a shake of the hand with the whole family and was invited inside the police Magistrate has a good many horses, mares and foals which run on Salmonville and Pandy and it benefits him to keep on good terms with these people.

The Sergt was informed by Mr Thompson Coonyngera a Justice of the Peace and the next station to Salmonville that Willis the owner of the stolen horse got £20 to make up the matter and from the manner in which Willis acted when giving his evidence it looked very much like it.

24 March 1896

Re: Unlawful Gambling

Sen. Const Williamson further reports Re: unlawfully gambling at the Tattersall's Hotel Birdsville

The defendant Dennett is the late Manager of Roseberth station together with H R Scarlett was fined on the 27th of April last for breach of sec 9 and 27 of the brands act of 1872 and fined according to report No. 36-95.

Dennett immediately resigned and married a Mrs Tucker proprietor of the Tattersall's Hotel license transferred to Dennett during the month of August last. Dennett always had the name of carrying loaded dice with him while at Roseberth station and when droving used to take down all his men for there wages.

H R Scarlett (Ex) Sen. Const who is a fast friend of Dennett also carries dice with him he is a Butcher and licensed Auctioneer and notwithstanding his repute for being a through forty is a recently applied JP. He Scarlett is also a firm friend of E.E Peberdy JP and it is generally understood that they are partners in business when the Sen. Const spoke to E.E Peberdy about the injustice of sitting on Scarlett's case he being a partner of his Peberdy reply was that it could not be proved and that he was so and the public could think what they chose he was not going to please them. It is also well known that E.E Peberdy kept a cook named Louis Page at Dubbo Downs who makes loaded dice and supplies his friends with them and anything that has been raffled in the district in the past 4 years falls to one of the clique.

The Sen. Const has found it hard to work ever since his arrival in Birdsville to get fair justice meted out to anyone as they are always invariably friends or creditors to the Justices.

The Sen. Const thinks it's absolutely necessary that new stipend Justices be appointed for Birdsville as it is simply waste of time and paper to take cases before the present bench.

PUBLIC NOTICE



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME

Diamantina Shire Council is pleased to advise that the proposed Diamantina Shire Planning Scheme is now on public display. The community and stakeholders are encouraged to review the document.

The purpose of the proposed planning scheme is to shape and manage development in the Diamantina Shire over the next 10-20 years.

The proposed planning scheme can be viewed:

- online at <https://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/news/article/26/proposed-planning-scheme> ;
- in person at the office of Diamantina Shire Council at 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie.

Interested parties may also purchase a copy of the document in addition to inspection.

Any person can make a written submission about any aspect of the proposed planning scheme during the public consultation period. **The public consultation period is from 1 October 2020 up to and including 4 December 2020.**

Submissions must be made in writing or by email. Properly made submissions must:

- state the name and residential or business address of each submitter; and
- state the grounds of the submission, and the facts and circumstances relied on to support the grounds; and
- state one postal or electronic address for service relating to the submission for all submitters; and
- be signed by each person making the submission, however signatures are not required for email (electronic) submissions; and
- be made to Diamantina Shire Council and be received on or before 4 December 2020.

Submissions can be lodged:

- By email to admin@diamantina.qld.gov.au
- By post to 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie QLD 4829
- In person at the office of 17 Herbert Street, Bedourie

For more information about the proposed planning scheme, contact Leon Love on (07) 4746 1600, visit council's website <https://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/news/article/26/proposed-planning-scheme> or email admin@diamantina.qld.gov.au.

Leon Love
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
1 October 2020

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Plant Operator (MC Truck)

Applications are invited from experienced MC truck drivers to join our busy Works team. We are looking for an experienced hands-on person with excellent driving skills and a positive attitude. The position will be based in either Bedourie or Birdsville which are small but vital towns with fantastic modern facilities including 24/7 health services, schools, sporting facilities and twice weekly flights to/from Brisbane and Mount Isa. We Require you have:• Current Queensland "MC" Drivers Licence;• Construction and Knowledge of Main Roads Standards and Techniques; and• Widespread experience in the high standard of operation and maintenance of a Type 2 Road Train with side tipper and/or water tankers. A competitive remuneration package is offered (\$63,947 to \$97,276 depending on allowances and overtime) including above award wages and 6 weeks' annual leave. A comfortable home is available in Bedourie or Birdsville at subsidised rent. Councils works crews are currently operating on a 10/4 roster during which a reasonable amount of overtime is worked whilst they reside in their modern mobile camp accommodation. Experienced applicants who are self-starters, team players and enjoy adventure are encouraged to apply. This position is offered as a fulltime permanent position. If you believe you have the skills and capabilities to fulfil this position, please submit your application below. Please include:• A completed application form. • A current resume (ensuring contact details are current, and you have nominated at least two referees) • A cover letter outlining your reasons for applying and your knowledge of the position. • A document addressing each of the selection criteria. Copies of any licenses or tickets required in the Position Description must be included with your resume. For more information, telephone Brendan Smith, Works Coordinator on 0455 431 962 or email brendan.smith@diamantina.qld.gov.au

Plant Operator (Grader Final Trim)

Applications are invited from experienced Grader final trim drivers to join our busy Works team. We are looking for an experienced hands-on applicant with excellent driving skills and a positive attitude. If you have the ability to final trim all types of road construction including DTMR projects, carry out basic operating checks and daily maintenance this could be the opportunity to bring your skills to a dynamic shire and community. We Require you have...Certificate of Competency in Grader Operations Current Construction Safety Induction Card (White Card) Knowledge of Main Roads Standard and Techniques; and Current Queensland 'C' Class Licence ("MC" Class Licence Desirable) This position will be based in either Bedourie or Birdsville which are small but vital towns with fantastic modern facilities including 24/7 health services, schools, sporting facilities and twice weekly flights to/from Brisbane/Mt Isa. A competitive remuneration package is offered (\$67,192 to \$101,702 depending on allowances and overtime), including above award wages and 6 weeks' annual leave. A comfortable home is available in Bedourie or Birdsville at subsidised rent. Councils works crews are currently operating on a 10/4 roster during which a reasonable amount of overtime is worked whilst they reside in their modern mobile camp accommodation. Experienced applicants who are self-starters, team players and enjoy adventure are encouraged to apply. This position is offered as a fulltime permanent position. If you believe you have the skills and capabilities to fulfil this position, please submit your application below. Please include:• A completed application form. • A current resume (ensuring contact details are current, and you have nominated at least two referees) • A cover letter outlining your reasons for applying and your knowledge of the position. • A document addressing each of the selection criteria. Copies of any licenses or tickets required in the Position Description must be included with your resume. For more information telephone Brendan Smith, Works Coordinator on 0455 431 962 or email brendan.smith@diamantina.qld.gov.au

Building Tradesperson

We are now recruiting for a full time Building Tradesperson for our Facilities Maintenance crew. If you have a trade qualification and extensive construction and maintenance experience, then this might be the job for you. You will need to be fit and strong and keen to work outdoors. We require you to have Trade qualification. Current C class license, HR Truck licence or higher desirable, White Construction Card. Current High Risk Forklift Licence. Applicants who are excellent communicators, able to work independently and as part of a team, have a commitment to safe work practices and have relevant experience are encouraged to apply. A competitive remuneration package is offered (\$67,155 to \$99,113 depending on allowances and overtime) including above award wages and 6 weeks' annual leave. A comfortable home is available in Bedourie or Birdsville at subsidised rent. This position is offered as a fulltime permanent position. If you believe you have the skills and capabilities to fulfil this position, please submit your application above. Please include: • A completed application form. • A current resume (ensuring contact details are current, and you have nominated at least two referees) • A cover letter outlining your reasons for applying and your knowledge of the position. • A document addressing each of the selection criteria. Copies of any licenses or tickets required in the Position Description must be included with your resume. For more information, telephone Dave Roberts, Facilities Maintenance Coordinator on 0428 859 294. Email enquiries to dave.roberts@diamantina.qld.gov.au.

Birdsville Tourist Park Manager & Birdsville Lodge Manager

Applications are invited from suitably experienced candidates for the position of Birdsville Tourist Park Manager & Birdsville Lodge Manager. We are seeking a highly experienced and qualified persons to manage operated Birdsville Tourist Park (incorporating budget rooms, standard cabins, deluxe cabins, and powered and unpowered sites) and Birdsville Lodge (a 49 ensuite room Lodge) are exciting places to work. The Diamantina Shire Council seeks two people to co-manage the two sites. The two Managers will share responsibilities for all operations of the facilities, including (but not limited to): Reception/reservations, including group bookings Maintenance Grounds keeping, gardens and aesthetic appeal, cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning! To be successful in these roles: you will have a background in tourism and hospitality, with management experience of a regional/remote Tourist Park facility; and you are motivated, positive and willing to serve the many travellers who frequent Birdsville; and you are adaptable and flexible. A competitive remuneration package is offered (\$83,823 to \$98,823 depending on allowances and bonuses), including above award wages and 6 weeks' annual leave. A comfortable home is available onsite at the Birdsville Tourist Park rent free, including electricity and internet. If you believe you have the skills and capabilities to fulfil this position, please submit your application below. Please include: • A completed application form. • A current resume (ensuring contact details are current, and you have nominated at least two referees) • A cover letter outlining your reasons for applying and your knowledge of the position. • A document addressing each of the skills & knowledge under requirement of the job in the position description. For more information, telephone

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Expression of Interest

Casual Pool

We're regularly looking for workers in various positions including but not limited to the following:

Administration Officers

Finance Officers

Plant Operators

Labourers

Housekeepers and Cleaners

Tourism and Hospitality Officers

If you have suitable skills and knowledge or you're simply interested in working for Council please complete the expression of interest form and submit it with your resume to <https://www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/casual-pool/expression-interest-casual-pool-form/1>

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Deadlines for submitting are the last Friday of each month.